



*Minutes of the Synod
and
Yearbook
of the*

**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NORTH AMERICA**

1968

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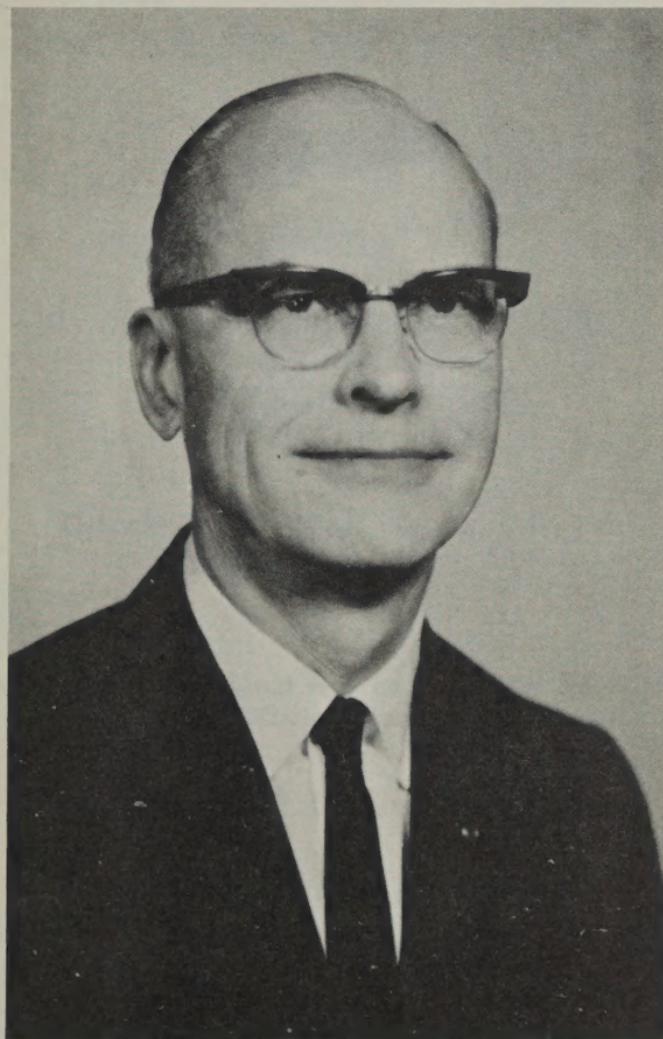
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Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, Mo.
July 13-19, 1968

A devotional period was held each morning before taking up the business of the day. The program was carried out as follows:

Devotional Services

Theme: "THE LORD JESUS CHRIST"

MONDAY, JULY 15

"Christ, the Word Become Flesh" John 1:1-14

Presiding: Rev. Wayne R. Spear

Speaker: Rev. Jerrold S. Milroy

TUESDAY, JULY 16

"Christ, the Redeemer" I Peter 1:18, 19: II Cor. 5:18-20

Presiding: Rev. Charles S. Sterrett

Speaker: Rev. Kenneth G. Smith

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

"Christ, the Lord" Acts 2:36

Presiding: Rev. J. E. McElroy

Speaker: Rev. James C. Pennington

THURSDAY, JULY 18

“Christ, the Intercessor” I John 2:1; John 17

Presiding: Rev. Richard Olson

Speaker: Rev. G. M. Robb

FRIDAY, JULY 19

“Christ, the Judge” John 5:22, 27

Presiding: Rev. J. Paul Wilson

Speaker: Rev. David R. Armstrong

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 6:30 p.m.

The 139th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment at Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, Mo., July 13, 1968, at 6:30 p.m.

The moderator of the 1967 Synod, R. Wyley Caskey, presented the retiring moderator's sermon based on the text, I Corinthians 4:2, and using as his topic, “Faithful Stewards.”

Following the sermon, the moderator constituted the Synod in prayer.

The roll was made up, called and is as follows with the record of attendances throughout Synod:

ROLL OF SYNOD 1968

Ministers

Elders

Allen, Frank E.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Anderson, Harry, Eastvale	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Armstrong, David R., First Beaver Falls	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Bailey, John, Orlando	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Blackwood, Roy, Jr., 2nd Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Boyle, Samuel E., C.A.M.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Braum, Robert, Denison	XX XXXXXXXX
Brown, Claude, Selma	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Brown, Ira, Rose Point	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Carson, James D., North Hills	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Caskey, C. E., Olathe	X XXXXXXXX
Caskey, Joseph M., Rose Point	X XXXXXXXX
Caskey, R. W., Superior-Beulah	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Chao, Charles, R.T.F.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Coleman, George	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, E. Clark, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Keith E., Orlando	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, James M., Fresno	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Dougherty, M. W., Covenanter Witness	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Dunn, Verd V., Hot Springs	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, John O., R. P. Home	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, Kermit S., New Alexandria	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Elliott, D. Howard, Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Faris, Paul E., Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Finley, Willard F., Bethel	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Fox, Chester, Allegheny	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Gordon, Donald, Winchester	X XXXXXXXXXX XX
Gross, R. G., San Diego	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Harrington, Harold B., Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hays, Herbert, Geneva	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hays, Milford, Sharon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, E. R., Greeley	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Henderson, Ralph, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Henning, Robert A., Eastvale	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hutcheson, C. T., Olathe	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Ralph E., Bethel	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, R. P., Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Raymond P., Lafayette	XXXXXX
Kennedy, J. W., Greeley	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Keys, Lewis, Santa Ana	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Kilpatrick, Lester E., Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Maine, Robert, Chicago	XXXXX XXXXXX
Martin, Melville W., Allegheny	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, Philip, Indian Mission	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McBurney, Edwin, Montclair	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McBurney, Kenneth A., Denison	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McBurney, Waldo, Quinter	XXX XXX
McBurney, Wendell, Bloomington	XXXXXX
McCracken, J. Paul, Cambridge	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, Paul D., Santa Ana	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, Robert B., Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McElroy, J. E., Denver	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Glenn, Wilkinsburg	X XXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, John, Southfield	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Luther, Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Marion L., Lawrence	XXXXXX
McFarland, Robert H., Quinter	XX XXXXXXXXXX
McIsaac, John, College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McKelvey, R. H., Lochiel	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McKelvy, H. E., North Hills	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McKeown, Ernest, Cambridge	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, John, Coldenham	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, Robert, Seattle	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

McMillan, Willard, Geneva College	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milligan, Ray, Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milliken, Robert, Bloomington	XXXXXXXXXXXX XXX
Milroy, Jerrold S., Hetherton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mitchell, James, Geneva	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mitchell, Waldo, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
More, Robert, Jr., Almonte	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Morrow, Robert W., Belle Center	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Nickerson, Ronald W., Lisbon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Olson, Richard N., Beaver-Vanport	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Patterson, David R., Winchester	X XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Pennington, James C., San Diego	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Ramsey, John, Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Ramsey, William, Syracuse	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Reed, Maurice, Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robb, Andrew W., Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robb, G. M., Sharon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Rohm, Ralph, First Beaver Falls	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Alvin W., Sr., Union	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Kenneth G., C. E. Director	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, R. E., Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Spear, Wayne	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Steel, John B., New Alexandria	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sterrett, Charles S., Oakdale	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Stewart, Bruce C., Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Templeton, Robert, Indianapolis	XXXXXX
Tweed, John H., Kansas City	X XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Ward, Harold, Kansas City	XXX XXX
Weilersbacher, Donald, Southfield	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
White, Boyd A.	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wilson, Harry, New Castle	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wilson, J. Paul, Barnet	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wilson, Ralph, Morning Sun	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Willson, S. Bruce, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

61 Ministers

36 Elders

97 Total

R. P. Joseph from Marion congregation and John McIssac from College Hill congregation were seated without certificates.

John Bailey of Orlando, James Copeland of Fresno, Don Gordon of Winchester, Wendell McBurney of Bloomington, and Harold Ward of Kansas City were introduced to the Synod as elders who were members of the Court for the first time.

In the election that followed Waldo Mitchell was elected Moderator of the 1968 Synod. Bruce C. Stewart and Donald Weilersbacher were elected as Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

By resolution a vote of thanks was given to Howard Elliott who served 9 years as Assistant Clerk and 15 years as Clerk.

The Clerk's Report was read, adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Clerk's Report

The Clerk of the 1967 Synod would report that he has attempted to carry out the duties assigned him by Synod. Correspondence, a certain volume of which is kept up throughout the year, has been attended to as quickly as possible. The overture ordered by last Synod was sent to all congregations and the replies are on hand. Notices and instructions of various sorts have been sent where needed.

The *Minutes of Synod and Yearbook* for 1967 as prepared by the Clerk was published by the Louisa Publishing Company of Wapello, Iowa, rounding out a five year contract, which undoubtedly saved the Synod money. The *Minutes* for the 1968 Synod will be printed by the Patterson Press of Winchester, Kan. Patterson Press also printed the Digest of Reports for this Synod and the Docket, which were prepared by the Clerk.

Recommendations:

1. That the order of business and the hours of meeting named in the Docket be accepted as a guide for this meeting of Synod.
2. That the Parliamentarians for this Synod be R. W. Caskey, L. B. McFarland and M. W. Martin.
3. That the Precentor for this Synod be J. S. Milroy.
4. That the Committee on Announcements for this Synod be Richard Olson, A. D. Robb and John Bailey.
5. That an offering be taken to defray the expenses of Synod immediately following the reading of the Minutes on Wednesday morning.
6. That in view of the fact that the cost of the *Minutes of Synod* has never been defrayed by the purchase price, and since the individual copies for 1968 will cost approximately \$2.45, it be referred to the Finance Committee this proposal to raise the price of the *Minutes* to two dollars.
7. That the following items be referred to the Committee on Nominations:
 - a. A committee to canvass the vote on the overture ordered by last Synod.
 - b. Those to whom and by whom letters of remembrance

should be sent.

- c. A committee on Arrangements and Devotions for next Synod.
- d. An alternate to preach the moderator's sermon at the next Synod.
- e. A Committee on Time and Place for the 1970 meeting of Synod.
- f. A Committee on Secret Societies.
- g. A Committee on the Signs of the Times.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Howard Elliott

In the Memorial Service, the memoir for J. Renwick Patterson was prepared and read by Kermit S. Edgar. It appears in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The deaths of the following elders were noted: Alexander M. Adams, Third Philadelphia; Thomas A. Burns, Almonte; Daniel Bosch, White Lake; Ernest S. Dill, Orlando; Samuel Edgar, Geneva; Jay George, White Cottage; A. James Harding, Montclair; William J. McClay, Third Philadelphia; Hugh McCrum, Santa Ana; and William A. Moore, Bloomington.

The deaths of the following ministers' wives were also noted: Mrs. T. H. Acheson, Mrs. Paul Coleman, Mrs. Frank H. Lathom, and Mrs. James C. Pennington.

The Synod also took notice of the death of Mrs. Jeanette Li, one of our missionaries.

The memorial prayer was led by Paul D. McCracken.

Paper one presented by George Coleman calling for further study in the area of political dissent was referred to a special committee.

Paper two from Pittsburgh Presbytery relative to the status of teaching elders in the congregation was referred to the Judicial Committee.

It was announced that William G. Smith was received by New York Presbytery as a minister and has indicated his acceptance of the Call to the Newburgh congregation.

Norman McCune, Pastor of the Faughan congregation in North Ireland, was given the courtesies of the floor, and by motion will participate in Synod's Travelling Fund.

Synod adjourned in prayer by the moderator.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 8:45 a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, July 15 at 8:45 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by Paul Faris.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Paper three dealing with the appointment of a committee to study the possibilities of a part-time director of public relations was referred to a special committee.

Paper four relative to certification of conscientious objectors was referred to a special committee.

Paper five relative to the registration of our denomination with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization was referred to Synod's Board of Trustees to be reported back to this Synod.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Committees Appointed By The Moderator

NOMINATIONS

J. Paul McCracken, Chairman
 John H. Tweed
 L. E. Kilpatrick
 Robert McMillan
 Lewis Keys
 Wylie Kennedy

JUDICIAL

S. E. Boyle, Chairman
 John M. McMillan
 Harold B. Harrington
 H. E. McKelvey
 Edwin H. McBurney

FINANCE

Robert H. McFarland, Chairman
 James C. Pennington
 J. O. Edgar
 Ernest McKeown
 Ralph E. Henderson

COURTESY

Robert B. McCracken, Chairman
 Roy Blackwood
 Ralph Rohm

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

Marion L. McFarland, Chairman
 Kermit S. Edgar
 Harry Anderson

TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES

Iowa Presbytery

J. Paul Wilson
 Kenneth McBurney
 C. T. Hutcheson

New York Presbytery

Ralph E. Joseph
 Robert More, Jr.
 Milford Hays

Pacific Coast Presbytery

E. R. Hemphill
 J. O. Edgar
 Harold Ward

Far East Commission

Glenn McFarland
 Charles Chao
 A. D. Robb

Midwest Presbytery

Robert Milliken
 Wayne R. Spear
 John McFarland

Ohio-Illinois Presbytery

R. W. Nickerson
 Paul E. Faris
 James Mitchell

St. Lawrence Presbytery

J. E. McElroy

K. E. Copeland

John Ramsey

Cyprus Commission

David Armstrong

C. E. Caskey

J. Ralph Wilson

Pittsburgh Presbytery

G. M. Robb

David R. Patterson

Raymond Joseph

The Report of the Covenanter Conference was made the Order of the Day following the hearing of representatives this afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The Report of the Stated Clerk was read, adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Stated Clerk

For the Year Ending December 31, 1967

There are enrolled 7 Presbyteries, 69 Congregations, 92 Ministers, 8 Theological Students, 4277 Communicant Members, 4490 in Sabbath School, 645 in Young Peoples Societies, 883 Tithers, 15 Foreign Missionaries, 58 Parsonages, 275 Elders, 334 Deacons or Trustees. In addition the Foreign Field reports 80 Communicant Members and 29 Baptized Members not Communicants.

CONGREGATIONS

There are 69 Congregations and 2 Mission Stations in the Home Field, 54 have Pastors or Stated Supplies, 17 Congregations are without the care of a Pastor or Stated Supply.

MINISTERS

There are enrolled 92 Ministers, 53 are in Congregations as Pastors or Stated Supplies, 3 are in the Foreign Field, 14 in Educational Work, 13 Retired, 1 Christian Amendment Movement, 1 Editor of the Covenanter Witness, 6 in Business, 1 Superintendent of the Reformed Presbyterian Home. There are 4 Licentiates.

Robert W. Morrow was released from the pastoral charge of the Morning Sun Congregation September 1, 1967; H. B. Harrington was released from the pastoral charge of the Lake Reno Congregation October 30, 1967; Marion L. McFarland was released from the pastoral charge of the Clarinda Congregation, June 30, 1967; R. P. Joseph was released from the pastoral charge of the Greeley Congregation August 23, 1967; Alvin W. Smith, Jr. was released from the pastoral charge of the Newburgh Congregation November 1, 1967; Young J. Son was released from the pastoral charge of the New Castle Congregation June 30, 1967; C. E. Caskey was released from the pastoral charge of the Wilkinsburg Congregation September 15, 1967.

Thomas J. Wilson was released from the pastoral charge of the

Youngstown Congregation October 17, 1967; and was granted a letter of standing to the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

David R. Patterson was installed pastor of the Winchester Congregation August 23, 1967; C. E. Caskey was installed pastor of the Olathe Congregation October 4, 1967; Robert W. Morrow was installed pastor of the Belle Center Congregation September 20, 1967; Robert A. Milliken was installed pastor of the Bloomington Congregation February 22, 1967; James C. Pennington was installed pastor of the San Diego Congregation November 4, 1967; Richard Olson was installed pastor of the Beaver Area Congregation June 1, 1967.

H. B. Harrington was appointed stated supply of the New Castle Congregation October 30, 1967; Marion L. McFarland was appointed stated supply of the Lawrence Mission July 1, 1967.

Raymond P. Joseph is now serving at the Lafayette Mission.

Richard Olson was received into the fellowship of the church from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod January 4, 1967.

MEMBERSHIP

The Home Church reports a total membership of 5497 consisting of the following: 4277 Communicant Members, 92 Ministerial Members, 1128 Baptized Members not Communicants.

The following Presbyteries report an increase in membership; Ohio-Illinois 8, Pittsburgh 3, St. Lawrence 1; total 12. The following Presbyteries report a decrease in membership; Iowa 10, Midwest 18, New York 13, Pacific Coast 5; total 46 or a net loss of 34 members.

There was a discrepancy of 3 members in carrying forward membership from last year.

FINANCES

The Church requested through Synod's Budget \$160,000.00 to carry on the work for the year ending December 31, 1967. We raised \$143,446.00 which was \$32.84 per Communicant member.

Congregational Treasurers reported receipts of \$858,102.00 and Disbursements of \$861,061.00 of which \$279,362.00 was for Pastors Salaries, American Bible Society \$2,534.00, Special Covenanter Appeals \$57,569.00 and National Reform Association \$3,148.00.

The total giving per Communicant member for the year ending December 31, 1967 was \$196.40.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester R. Fox
Stated Clerk

Adenda:

Glenn E. McFarland was released from the pastoral charge of

the Park City Congregation March 31, 1968.

E. Raymond Hemphill was released from the pastoral charge of the Syracuse Congregation May 20, 1968.

Young J. Son was granted a letter of standing on March 6, 1968, by the Ad Interim Commission of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, that he might apply for admission to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Glenn E. McFarland was installed pastor of the Wilkinsburg Congregation May 15, 1968.

J. Renwick Patterson was called Home March 9, 1968.

D. Raymond McCracken was released from the pastoral charge of the Fresno Congregation June 10, 1968.

James C. Pennington was released from the pastoral charge of the San Diego Congregation June 23, 1968.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was presented. Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Finance Committee. Item 3 was referred to the Nominating Committee. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Board Of Trustees Of Synod

To The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

Dear Brethren:

Once again it is our privilege to submit the Annual Financial Report of the Treasurer and of the Board for the year ending December 31, 1967.

We are again thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon us as a Church by our Heavenly Father, and it is with humility and thanksgiving that we present our report.

BEQUESTS RECEIVED - 1967

Florence B. O'Neil Tibby, Pittsburgh, Pa. - Seminary	54,895.53
Anna M. Johnston, Los Angeles, Calif., Foreign Mission	867.62
Jayne Marjorie Lemker Smith, Estate, Cincinnati, Ohio - Synod	1,092.12
Jayne Marjorie Lemker Smith, Estate, Cincinnati, Ohio - Geneva	552.12
John L. Wright, Denison, Kansas - Synod	2,565.50

Our Books Show The Following

Miscellaneous Invested Funds	106,207.72
Annuity Funds	69,578.32
Securities (Book Value)	2,139,672.03
Mortgages	103,693.87
Total Endowments under our care	1,410,160.38

of which 228,863.36 is for the benefit of Geneva College. In addition Geneva has 374,134.84 not invested through our office, on which they receive the dividends direct, making their total endowment fund on our books 602,998.20.

Earnings for the year ending December 31, 1967	*	168,508.77
Earnings for the year ending December 31, 1966		162,554.17
Office Expense for the year ending December 31, 1967		15,296.89
Office Expense for the year ending December 31, 1966		13,120.91
Cash Receipts for the year ending December 31, 1967		424,676.19
Cash Receipts for the year ending December 31, 1966		477,337.22
Disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1967		417,184.36
Disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1966		531,072.21
Market Value of Securities as of December 31, 1967		4,377,411.12
Market Value of Securities as of December 31, 1966		3,793,992.86

*Florence B. O'Neil Tibby earnings of 2,940.03
not distributed to the Seminary in 1967.

A dividend of \$14.234 per participating share was paid to the Departments of the Church from the earnings for the last year.

Paper Number Sixteen concerning the securing of an Assistant to the Church Treasurer was referred to the Board of Trustees at the last meeting of Synod.

Your Board would respectfully report that Mr. Louis D. Hutmire, of the Wilkinsburg Congregation, has been employed to fill the above position.

Recommendations

1. Due to the mounting overdraft in the Minutes of Synod Account, your Board would recommend that the price of the Minutes be set at \$2.00 per copy.
2. That the salary of the Church Treasurer, Chester R. Fox, be set at \$7,600.00, retroactive to January 1, 1968.
3. That the successors for John M. Allen, Stewart M. Lee, Ph.D., and H. E. McKelvy, whose terms as members of Synod's Board expire at this meeting of this Synod, be elected.

Chester R. Fox, Secretary

The Report of the Board of Pensions was presented. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

Pension Board Report

We are grateful to God for his blessings during the past year. Due to the generous financial support of the church we have been able to pay promised pensions to retired ministers, missionaries and

their widows or orphans. A liberal return on our endowments have enabled us to maintain balances in all our departments. Steps have been taken to increase our payments to most of our retired ministers. We have worked out a plan in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board to provide increases to a number of our retired missionaries.

Nine retired ministers are receiving pensions at this time. Grants for 1968 amount to \$9120.00. All but one of these is receiving the increase of \$20.00 per month approved by last years Synod for those who are married and support a wife. We are recommending that this amount be increased by \$10.00 per month, so that the base pension for a retired minister will be \$60.00 per month if single and \$90.00 per month if married. We believe that the funds in the Ministerial Relief Account will enable us to do this. We would like to point out, however, that by the end of 1968, six more ministers will be eligible for pensions whenever they choose to retire and request them.

In the Widows and Orphans' Department, sixteen widows are receiving assistance. In 1967 this amounted to \$12,260. Here, help from Synod's Budget is necessary and we are asking for the same amount as was granted last year. In addition to what is granted by this Department, three women missionaries or lay workers receive \$60.00 per month each or a total of \$2160.00 from the Pension Plan Account.

At the request of the Foreign Mission Board, we have worked out with them a plan to bring the amount of pensions being paid to five retired missionaries to the same standard as those under the Ministerial Relief and Widows' and Orphans' Department. Basically, this provides that the Foreign Mission Board will supplement the annuities that the single missionaries are receiving to a total of \$50.00 per month for each one, and to \$60.00 per month for the married ones. The Pension Board has agreed to further supplement these amounts so that the single retired missionaries will receive \$60.00 per month and the married ones \$80.00 per month. The Pension Board has also agreed to pay any further increases necessary to keep these pensions at the same level as those of other departments.

We would call the attention of all ministers to the fact that, beginning January 1968, Social Security is mandatory, not elective. As was ably pointed out by Professor John M. Mitchell in the April 10 issue of the Covenanter Witness consideration should be given to this when setting ministers' salaries.

We believe there is need to increase our invested funds to provide for future retirement benefits. We are studying the possibilities that could be provided for by the Educational and Retirement Fund. It is beginning to appear that Pension needs may require the priority place in the use of this fund. We believe that \$10,000 from the balance now in the Pension Plan Account should be invested this

year.

Terms of Robert Morrow and G. M. Robb expire this year and their successors should be chosen.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That \$10,000 from the balance in the Pension Plan Account be transferred to the Pension Plan Investment Account and invested in such manner as shall be approved by Synod's Board of Trustees.
2. That the Pension Board be given the discretion to pay an additional \$10.00 per month (a total of \$90.00 per month) to retired married ministers and missionaries beginning January 1, 1969.
3. That Synod approve the policy agreed upon by the Board of Pensions and the Foreign Mission Board to bring the amount of retirement benefits for retired missionaries to the same standard as those under Ministerial Relief or the Widows and Orphans' Department.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Ralph Wilson, Secretary

The Report of the 1967 Committee on Stewardship was read, adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Stewardship

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee on Stewardship would respectfully report that during the year of 1967 it has provided information to the Church relative to the progress of the growth of contributions to the Budget established for such contributions.

Three mailings were sent to the congregations. One of these was in the form of a bulletin enclosure.

This was another year in which the goal of the needs of the departments of the Church were not met. No doubt many of the boards and committees were handicapped in the work because of insufficient funds. This ought not to be. Every member of this Church must be as concerned about the finances of the work as any other phase of God's Work.

An expense for mailing, postage, stationery and printing was incurred to the sum of \$85.65, which was paid by Chester R. Fox, Treasurer.

The committee is pleased that many have contributed articles which were printed in The Covenanter Witness relative to the subject of Stewardship. May many others be led to submit articles or testimonies to be printed.

Thank you.

The Committee on Stewardship for 1967
Harold F. Thompson
Ray Joseph
J. E. McElroy, Chairman

The Report of the 1968 Stewardship Committee was read, adopted and is as follows:

Synod's Stewardship Committee Report

In order to inform our members of the work of the denomination and to encourage good stewardship, our Committee has solicited articles from each of the Boards, Committees, and organizations participating in Synod's Budget. Most of these articles have been received and forwarded to *The Covenanter Witness* for publication. Additional articles will be written by members of the Committee for publication at a later date.

As of July 9, 1968, \$71,022.90 has been raised toward the goal of \$165,000. Thus, 43% of the total budget has been received during about 52% of the calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Weilersbacher, Chairman
Charles S. Sterrett
Raymond Stevenson
Milton Harrington

The Report of the Board of Church Erection was presented. It was adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Board Of Church Erection

The Board of Church Erection met three times during the year 1967.

We began the year, January 1, 1967 with a balance of \$20,946.71.

Repayments were made during the year by: Midwest Presbytery (Wichita), Marion, Geneva cong., Walton, New Alexandria, Topeka, Third Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Phoenix, Coldenham, Montclair, Lawrence, Fresno, Quinter, Hetherton, Manchester, Selma, Foreign Mission Board, Hebron, and E. C. Copeland. Total repayments amounted to \$23,164.21.

In addition we received from: Balance Sale, Cincinnati Church Property \$4,691.68; On Account Sale, Winnipeg Church Property \$3,278.83; Share of Synod's Budget \$1,780; John L. Wright Estate \$247.01; Interest from loans \$242.94; Dividend from Gregg Fund \$1,230; Dividend from Endowment Fund \$483.96; Interest from

Temporary Investments \$30.90. These receipts plus repayments amounted to \$35,149.83, making a total working balance for the year of 1967 of \$56,096.54.

Disbursements for the year were as follows:

Orlando Congregation	\$8,000.00
Selma Congregation	\$4,000.00
Beaver Area Congregation	\$4,000.00
White Lake Camp, Inc.	\$5,000.00

These totaled \$21,000.00 leaving a balance of \$35,096.54 on December 31, 1967.

For the information of Synod, since the beginning of the year 1968, there remains \$11,000 which was allocated to the Beaver Area Congregation, which still has not been used.

Also, since the first of 1968 we have loaned the following amounts:

Manchester	\$ 6,000 (\$12,000 requested)
Eastvale	\$10,000 (\$20,000 requested)
College Hill	\$ 5,000 (\$12,000 requested)
Winchester	\$ 3,000 (\$ 7,000 requested)
Keiyaku (Kobe, Japan) ...	\$ 3,300 (\$ 8,500 requested)

The Manchester loan is to apply on the erection of a sanctuary on top of the basement classroom area built in 1963.

The Eastvale loan is to apply on a two-story Christian Education unit.

The College Hill loan is to apply on the purchase of another parsonage.

The Winchester loan is to apply on the construction of their new parsonage.

The Keiyaku loan is to apply on the purchase of land and a house to be used (after some remodeling and additions as a church for their congregation.)

This loan to the Keiyaku congregation was made possible by using repayments made since the first of 1968.

As of this writing, late in May, we have two requests likely to be forthcoming soon: one from the Hetherton Congregation, and one from Rev. Wayne Spear to apply on the purchase of a home in Pittsburgh, contingent upon his work in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary.

The terms of Harold Faris, Rev. T. R. Hutcheson, Clyde A. Redpath, and Merlin Wing have expired, and their successors should be chosen by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde A. Redpath, Secretary

A Resolution presented by M. W. Dougherty relative to the question of political dissent was referred to the special committee appointed to consider Paper one.

Richard Olson was appointed by the Synod to be Chairman of the Committee on Announcements.

The names of S. Bruce Willson and Willard McMillan were added by Synod to the Committee on Time and Place.

The Report of the Board of Christian Education was presented. It was taken up item by item. Items 1 - 4 were adopted. Item 5 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 6 was laid on the table until a mimeographed program for the proposed R. E. S. Youth Conference is distributed. Items 7 - 10 were adopted.

The time was extended to hear Kenneth G. Smith.

Synod took recess in prayer by James Copeland.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1:30 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by Luther McFarland.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as read.

Paper six presented by several members of Synod relative to the method of calling of pastors by congregations was referred to a special committee.

Dr. Laird Harris, Dean of Covenant Seminary, the fraternal delegate from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, brought the greetings of that body to the Synod.

The Rev. William Shell, the fraternal delegate from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, brought the greetings of that body to the Synod.

The Rev. Ray Blair and the Rev. Paul Hindman, fraternal delegates of the Associate Presbyterian Church, brought the greetings of their denomination to our Synod.

Dr. Melvin Soltau, Executive Secretary of the Central Region of the American Bible Society, presented the work of the Society.

The Rev. Marion Bramwell, the Executive Director of the Lord's Day Alliance, spoke of the work of that organization.

Robert B. Maine, the elder from the Chicago congregation, was introduced to the Synod as being a member of the court for the first time.

The Order of the Day, the Report of the Covenanter Conference, was read. It was taken up item by item. Item one was referred to the Stewardship Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Board of Christian Education. Item 3 was laid on the table to be considered with the Report of the Committee to consider Paper six from last Synod. Item 4 was adopted and referred to the Committee on Secret Societies which is to report to next year's Synod. Item 5 was deleted. Item 6 was amended and adopted. Item 7 was referred to a special com-

mittee. Item 8 was laid on the table to be considered with the Report of the Committee on the Scriptural Teaching on Alcohol and Tobacco. Items 9 and 10 were referred to the same special committee. Item 11 was divided; section d was laid on the table to be taken up in consideration with the Report of the Committee to consider Paper six from last Synod; the balance of Item 11 was referred to a special committee to report to the Synod of 1969. Item 12 was adopted.

Synod took recess in prayer by Maurice Reed.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 7:30 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by R. P. Joseph.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Paper seven presented by several members of the court relative to the accuracy of Today's English Version of the New Testament was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Paper eight relative to an honorarium for the Rev. John Gault in recognition of his many years of writing in "The Covenanter Witness" was referred to the Finance Committee.

Paper nine relative to requesting a report of a disciplinary action of Synod in 1965 was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Report of the Evangelism Committee was presented. Synod voted to hear a paper prepared by the Committee entitled, "Seeking for A Response to the Word When It Is Preached". It was voted to receive the paper, place it in the Appendix of the Minutes, and include it on the docket for action at the Synod of 1969. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Board Of Evangelism Report To Synod 1968

Your Board would report that it has held one regular meeting during the year at the Marion, Iowa congregation, March 18-19, 1968. We appreciated getting acquainted with these people and sharing in the things of the Lord with them.

During the year our President has sent letters to the pastors at our request reminding them of our offer of help to the congregations and encouraging them in the work of evangelism. We have sent each of them a copy of the book, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, by Robert E. Coleman. We trust that it has helped each of you.

Very soon we expect to implement a plan for sharing good tapes on evangelism with the congregations. It is our hope that some of these may be of help to the church in doing her task of evangelizing.

We plan to encourage the exchange of testimonies between congregations by providing travel expense of five cents (5¢) per mile up to a limit of \$30.00 on each trip made for this purpose. We have heard

of one such exchange being made in Midwest Presbytery during the year.

One of our board members served us at the Pacific Coast Conference and the White Lake Family Conference in 1967. We wish to offer help to the churches in Evangelism during this next year also. We have requests from the Santa Ana and Denison Congregations for assistance in training in personal evangelism. These training programs are being worked out right now by teams of board members and others appointed to represent us. Where congregations desire such help, please contact the President of the Board, Rev. Keith E. Copeland, 324 E. Livingston St., Orlando, Fla., 32801.

We wish to encourage the sharing of testimonies with the church at large. We invite you to send brief personal testimonies to Dr. Waldo Mitchell, 115 Townsend, Walton, N.Y., who is our correspondent with the Witness.

Each year those re-appointed or appointed to this board for the first time, will be asked to take a week of board approved training in evangelism. This training will be planned to be of help to each one in his respective ministry. It will help him to do his job on the board.

We are aware of much activity in the field of evangelism. However, we know there is much to be done in this important aspect of the church's task. We consider it our task as a board to be trained in evangelism, to be practicing evangelism, to be calling attention to evangelism, to be encouraging the church in doing it, and to assist the church in any way we are able. This is why we request that all new appointees take training in evangelism.

We would urge you to get all the training you can and all the encouragement you can find in this work. Be assured that your board members pray for you in this task. Be assured that your board will seek to be of assistance to you in every possible way as together we seek to carry out Christ's commission to us in Acts 1: 8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth".

During the year we made a study of the matter of "Seeking For A Response To The Word When It Is Preached". We submit a paper with that title to Synod at this time for their consideration and approval.

The terms of Roy Blackwood, Joe Copeland, Paul Faris, and Ray Joseph expire at this Synod and their successors should be appointed. Also a replacement is needed for Mr. Kenneth Meeker in the class of 1969.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith E. Copeland

Extension was presented. It was taken up item by item. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was adopted. Item 3 was amended and adopted.

Notice was taken of the 25 years of service given to the work in Selma by Dr. Claude C. Brown.

Synod adjourned in prayer by Cloyd E. Caskey.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 8:45 a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, July 16, at 8:45 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by Donald Gordon.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Paper ten from James Carson and H. E. McKelvy relative to the status of elders ordained in other denominations was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Report of the Co-ordinating Committee was read. It was laid on the table until the reports of all the participating boards are heard.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 2-6 were adopted. Charles Chao was heard concerning the work in Taiwan. Miss Blanche McCrea who has completed 43 years of mission work on the island of Cyprus was recognized by the Synod and spoke of her work. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Board Of Foreign Missions

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord" Psalm 22:27

It is with this promise in mind that we continue to obey the command of the Great Commission by seeking to establish the Visible Church in foreign lands. A continued reminder of the need for the Gospel of Christ is given as we read of the turmoil and unrest in the world today. Your Board of Foreign Missions seeks to keep abreast of these conditions and needs as we carry on work in the lands of Cyprus and Japan. By supporting the Reformation Translation Fellowship, we continue to help in the work that was started in the land of China many years ago.

Changes in Missionary Personnel

Miss Blanche McCrea arrived home on August 29, 1967 and has been doing deputation work for the Board. She is to retire as of August 31, 1968 after more than forty years of service. She first went to the field in 1925.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alvin W. Smith, Jr. and their two children were to leave for Cyprus the first of December but because of civil strife, they did not leave until January 4, 1968.

We anticipate the return home of two Christian Corps for Cyprus workers, Miss Winnifred Wilson and Mr. Alan Nelson, the first of August with their terms completed August 31, 1968. Miss Wilson has been on the field for four years and Mr. Nelson for two years.

Five candidates have been in training for the C.C.C. work during the past year and we anticipate their leaving for the field the first of August. We are planning a stopover for them in Ireland to meet for two or three days with the Irish young people and then arriving in Cyprus to help with the young people's conferences in Troodos. They are Mr. Richard Ayres of Topeka, Mr. Daniel Copeland of Wilkinsburg, Miss Mary Matteson of Syracuse, Miss Kathryn Elliott of Topeka and Mr. William Sterrett of College Hill.

The Rev. James Pennington was released from appointment of the Board as of September 30, 1967 to accept a call to the San Diego congregation. We were saddened by the death of Mrs. Pennington on November 23, 1967, but are grateful to the Church for the support of the Penningtons in so many ways during her time of illness. At the request of the Board, he has agreed to return to Japan for two years, and we anticipate his leaving in September 1968.

Miss Oreta Everett is expected to arrive in the United States the middle of August for a six months furlough at the end of her first term.

CYPRUS

For a few weeks at the close of 1967, the situation in Cyprus was rather tense with the threat of the outbreak of war. During this crisis our missionaries remained on the field. This action strengthened their Christian testimony on the Island.

Miss Ruth Reade, Principal, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanderson and Miss Winnifred Wilson have continued their work in the school in Nicosia. Mrs. Sanderson spent some time completing the history of the Syrian Mission which we hope will contribute to the testimony of the Lord's direction in the mission work in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson have been studying the Greek language so that they will be able to converse more freely in Greek as they visit in homes and carry on Bible Studies.

Rev. C. C. Christou has continued his work in the Bread of Life Bookstore, but with added preaching and speaking in the schools and elsewhere, he would like to be freed from this responsibility. The Commission is considering whether or not the Bookstore should continue.

Mr. Thomas Edgar continues as principal of the school in

Larnaca. The Rev. Thomas Hutcheson teaches eight hours of Bible in the Larnaca school along with his preaching and leadership in the mission work. Mrs. Hutcheson teaches part-time. Mr. Alan Nelson has worked in the Boarding department and with his teaching in the school, he has been doing personal work with young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are busy with language study. It is our plan that Mr. Smith will, under the guidance of the Commission, be overseeing the Christian Corps for Cyprus workers and will be used to train leaders for the Church in Cyprus when he completes his language study.

Three conferences were held for the young people during the year. A vacation Bible School was held in the village of Ormidhia where Bible Studies have been held. The Bible Studies have not been regular since Kyriakos Kattou and his wife went to Czechoslovakia to study, but it is hoped that this work might be more regular during the coming year.

JAPAN

We are grateful for the health of our missionaries during the past year, and for the guidance that the Lord has given each of our workers.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gene Spear and Family live in the Mission House in the Okamoto area of Kobe and the Keiyaku Church has been meeting in their home. With the purchase of property in April, it is the hope that the Keiyaku Group will soon have their own church home. The term of the Spear family has been extended for another year due to the shortage of workers in Japan and we request your prayers as they continue their work.

Miss Eleanor Faris continues to live in the house next to the chapel in Tarumi and carries the main burden of work there. The Rev. Toshio Masunaga and Mr. Spear share the responsibility in preaching as others help in the work. Some progress has been shown in this area but we do need to remember this work which has had so many problems since it was begun.

Miss Orlena Lynn still oversees the work in the Book Room and we are grateful for a new outreach of this work through the purchase of a Bookmobile which enables them to reach out into out-lying areas. She also works in the Higashi Suma congregation.

We are grateful that Mr. Shinsaku Fujimoto has decided to begin studying in preparation for the ministry. He will need to complete his college training before he will be able to begin his theological studies. It will take him some time to do this so we would ask that you add him and his wife to your prayer list.

We still need a minister to go to Japan. While our appeal has not been met, we are grateful for the evidence of the blessing of

the Lord in our work in this needy area of the world.

At Home

During the past year the Board has completed two studies which resulted in the adoption of policy statements concerning "Aid to Overseas Churches" and "Lines of Responsibility on Foreign Missions Fields". We are in the process of implementing these policies so that the Mission Groups, the Commissions and the Mission Board will be equally aware of their responsibilities.

These policies have resulted in some changes in the Manual so we have begun to study the Manual in preparation for revision.

A very profitable meeting was held with five members of the Committee on Foreign Mission of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and five members from our Board. The sharing of policy, practice, finance and program helped to broaden our thinking on mission work.

The work of the Publicity Committee on the histories of our Mission Fields has been progressing. The writing is being completed and steps are being taken to publish this material.

The sudden death of the Rev. J. Renwick Patterson on March 9, 1968 who was a member of our Board reminds us of the brevity of life.

A request was received from the Presbyterian and Reformed Missions Council on Taiwan asking that we appoint the Rev. Charles Chao as a missionary to Taiwan in order that he might work with this Council in establishing a Reformed Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. It was the opinion of the Board that Mr. Chao has particular talent in the areas of translation and teaching which should be utilized. In addition there were problems involved in this request in the matter of worship, additional workers needed and in the goals of the Council. Therefore, we do not recommend the appointment of Mr. Chao as a missionary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to Taiwan at the present time. However, through correspondance with the Reformation Translation Fellowship, Mr. Chao, and the Council we will seek areas of cooperation with the Council for the furtherance of the Gospel.

It is our desire that during the coming year we might be faithful in leading the Church in a continuing awareness of the need of not only proclaiming the Gospel of Christ in other lands but also in building the Church of Christ in these lands. We need your continued prayer and financial support in order that we might be alert to the means of carrying forward this work of Christ for our denomination.

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of Rev. E.C. Copeland, Chester R. Fox,

Rev. John McMillan, William K. Metcalfe, Mrs. Bertha Nimick and W.W. Weir expire, their successors should be appointed.

2. That the membership of the Board be set at fifteen members to be adjusted by the Nominating Committee during the next three years so that there will be three classes with five members each. Thus, the vacancies on the Board left by the death of Rev. J.R. Patterson and the resignation of Rev. A.W. Smith, Jr. will not be filled.
3. That the Cyprus Commission be appointed and consist of C.C. Christou, T.M. Hutcheson, E. Panayiotedes, K. Sanderson and A.W. Smith, Jr.
4. That the Far East Commission consist of all ordained ministers in Japan and one elder from each Japanese congregation.
5. That Synod authorize an appeal for teachers and personal workers for Cyprus for a term of at least two full years on the field.
6. That Synod authorize an appeal for a minister to go out to Japan.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. Henning, Cor. Sec.

Synod directed the Board of Foreign Missions to pursue with diligence this next year the possibility of re-opening the ministry to Chinese people in Taiwan.

The Moderator was instructed to express our appreciation to the Presbyterian and Reformed Missions Council for their invitation to us to open a work in Taiwan, to express our continuing interest and inform them of the action of this Synod.

The Report of the Board of Publications was presented. The recommendation concerning the Editor's salary was referred to the Finance Committee. The Report was laid on the table until after the Report of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Synod took recess in prayer by Milford Hays.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 7:30 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by Robert Braum.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Paper eleven from Ohio-Illinois Presbytery relative to the system of the calling of a pastor was referred to the same special committee called for in Paper six.

Mrs. John Edgar brought the greetings of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society to Synod.

Mrs. James A. Carson was presented to Synod in recognition of

her completion of 37 years as Treasurer of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

The Rev. Clarence Boomsma, the fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church, brought the greetings from that body.

The Report of the Women's Association was presented, and is as follows:

The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

January 1, 1967 – December 31, 1967

With thanksgiving in our hearts to our Lord the Board of Directors of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association is happy to present the following seventy-first annual report to the church-at-large.

The Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-one elected members, has held fourteen meetings and seven executive meetings during 1967.

Following the Association's annual meeting on February 22, 1967, the Board of Directors met and elected the following officers to serve for 1967:

President – Mrs. J. B. Willson

Vice President – Mrs. Jay Wissner

Recording Secretary – Mrs. Stewart Lee

Corresponding Secretary – Miss Agnes Lytle

Treasurer - Mrs. T. H. Clarke

Assistant Treasurer – Mrs. R. H. George

Chairmen of the Standing Committees

Admissions – Mrs. R. H. George and Mrs. J. P. Hickey

Interment – Mrs. T. L. Walsh

General Planning – Mrs. J. P. Hickey

Donations – Mrs. H. E. McKelvy

Sabbath Services - Mrs. M. K. Carson

Sunshine – Miss Agnes Lytle

Inventory – Miss Edith Miller

The members of the Board, which are elected by the Association members, endeavor throughout the year to do their best, with the help of Almighty God, the work to which they were elected. Many times the problems seem insurmountable, but with all working together and with the wonderful assistance of Dr. John O. Edgar, superintendent, and Miss Etta Weatherford, assistant superintendent, the work is carried on.

Never a month goes by but what the Board is made more grateful to Dr. Edgar and Miss Weatherford for their devotion and love for

the members of the Home. Let it be our prayer this year that they be granted health, patience, and understanding so that they may continue in the work in which the Lord has seen fit to place them. The Board believes our superintendents do use Acts 20:35 as their motto, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

At each monthly meeting which is held on the second Wednesday of each month, Dr. Edgar presents his Superintendent's Report. Miss Weatherford presents a very thorough health report on the Home members. The monthly Home bulletins continue to be sent out from the office of the Superintendent.

The Board had to consider this year the need for raising the monthly operational rates for Home members because of the continual rise in food costs and maintenance, and upkeep during the recent years, and which continue to rise. Action was taken to increase the rate from \$175.00 to \$200.00 per member per month effective January 1, 1968.

One of the highlights for the members of the Board of Directors each year is when we can share in the 90th birthday celebrations of the Home family. During 1967 we had three 90th birthdays. Mrs. Milton C. Honeyman celebrated hers on March 8th at which time one of her sons and a daughter were able to be with her. Mrs. W. A. Russell celebrated her 90th birthday on July 12 and two nieces came to be with her on that day. Miss Emma McFarland's 90th birthday was celebrated on October 11 although her birthday is October 16. Miss Mary Lyons came to represent the Topeka congregation for the special occasion. These are lovely occasions and the Sunshine Committee of the Board, with Miss Weatherford's help, makes the arrangements for the parties.

Our Lord called Miss Eleanor Auld to be with Him on August 2, 1967. The funeral was held at the Home on August 3 and interment was at Oakdale, Illinois. Miss Auld had been a member of the Home family since November 8, 1960.

New members welcomed into the Home family during 1967 were:

Mr. Joseph Dickey, May 16 - New York City Reformed Presbyterian Church

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McWhinney - May 30 - Phoenix Reformed Presbyterian Church

Mrs. Edna Ostendorf - July 5 - Wilkinsburg Reformed Presbyterian Church

Mrs. T. C. McKnight - Nov. 24 - Wilkinsburg Reformed Presbyterian Church

Miss Jane Redpath - Dec. 22 - Eighth United Presbyterian Church

A special meeting of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association was called for May 10, 1967 and held on that date. The purpose of calling the meeting was to vote on the recommended changes in the By-Laws of the Association, at which time the vote was to accept the recommendations. Action was taken at this meeting to have the Board of Directors take steps to have the By-Laws printed in booklet form. Two thousand copies of the By-Laws and Charter were printed and have been distributed. We owe our thanks and appreciation to the members of the By-Laws committee for their time and effort spent on this project.

Requests were again received from several Presbyterials to have representation from the Association at their annual meetings. This year Mrs. Margaret Boyle, a Home member, wrote a letter to be read to the Kansas Presbyterial and Miss May Allen another Home member, wrote a letter to be read for the Iowa Presbyterial. We appreciate these requests and trust that the letters were informative and interesting to the Presbyterials. Our thanks to these two Home members for their help. Miss Weatherford represented the Home at the Pittsburgh Presbyterial and Dr. Edgar was the Home representative at the Ohio-Illinois Presbyterial.

For a Home such as ours, there is always much to be done; improvements to be made, and repairing to be done. This year was no exception. Dr. Edgar and his maintenance staff do a lot of this work, such as fixing gutters, painting, a stone wall built from the old bricks taken from Perrysville Avenue, and many other items. It was necessary to call in outside help to replace the roof on the old building. Part of this work was done by the maintenance staff. A nursery company came to plant some new shrubbery and trees and also to spray the shrubbery. Many of the valves in the plumbing of the new building had to be replaced. And at the writing of this report, a beauty parlor is being installed on the first floor of the old building - a much needed convenience.

The Board was delighted to accept the kind offer of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lathom to substitute for Dr. Edgar while he was in Florida.

We were also glad that Miss Weatherford was able to spend some time in the sunny south this past year.

Dr. Edgar attended the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes in Harrisburg on May 12 and 13. The Association is a member of this organization.

The Home continues to have the same faithful and willing doctors serve our members. They are Doctors Wallace, Keener, Spill and McKelvy. Dr. McKelvy again administered the flu shots. We do appreciate their dedication to their work and their generosity.

An "Open House" was held for the members of Synod on Saturday, June 17, 1967, from 2 to 4 P.M. The Sunshine Committee, with Miss Agnes Lytle as chairman, made the arrangements. The members of the Home always look forward to this get-together with the ministers of the church.

Memorial room plaques were secured by Dr. Edgar and placed on doors of various rooms this past year.

Donation Day was held on Saturday, September 30. There was a very good attendance and this was the second year that there were afternoon hours only. The Auxiliary to the Board is a big help on this day as well as on the annual McKee Birthday Dinner day. The Auxiliary also had their regular bake sale and bazaar on Donation Day. The Auxiliary help is very much appreciated.

We were saddened by two mishaps in the Home this past year. Mrs. D. C. Ward and Miss Emma McFarland had the misfortune to break their hips in falls. Due to complications, Mrs. Ward has had to be placed in the Skyvue Nursing Home for added care. Miss McFarland has returned to the Home for continued convalescence.

Any members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church may become a Life Director of the Association by the gift of one hundred dollars at one time, and Honorary Member by the gift of fifty dollars at one time, or a Life Member by the gift of twenty-five dollars at one time. By the same donations, one may be named Life Director, Honorary Member, or Life Member, "In Memoriam".

Those who have become Honorary Members "In Memoriam" by the gift of fifty dollars at one time are:

Miss Eliza McClure and Miss Margaret McClure by Dr. and Mrs. John W. Oliver.

Those who have become Life Director by the gift of one hundred dollars at one time are:

Mrs. J. Boyd Tweed by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Tweed.

Mrs. Alice M. Young

Miss Edith Miller

By the gift of fifty dollars at one time, Mr. Elliott Young was made an Honorary Member.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lee (Mrs. Stewart Lee)
Recording Secretary

The Report of the National Reform Association was presented. The three recommendations were adopted. The Report is as follows:

Report Of The National Reform Association To The Synod Of The Reformed Presbyterian Church

1. GRATITUDE

We thank God, in this the 105th year of the NRA, for His evident guidance in every phase of the work. We have often been reminded that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of host." (Zech. 4:6) We thank Him for the life of the late J. R. Patterson who served in the National Reform Association from 1951 until the time of his death, March 9, 1968. For seven of those years, 1955-62, he served as Executive Secretary and as editor of the CHRISTIAN STATESMAN. We thank God for His leading the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church Evangelical Synod, at their meeting on April 9, 1968, to vote to "endorse the efforts of the National Reform Association." This broadens our base, and encourages us to press on. We thank the leaders of these fourteen congregations for this action.

2. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

A new tract in support of the Sabbath has been published - REST . . . IT IS NOT ALL ETERNAL, by Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes. A second one, WE REAP WHAT WE SOW, by Dr. W. Roy McGeary, is now being printed. It first appeared in the CHRISTIAN STATESMAN of March-April, 1968. Both of these tracts were written at our request, and their publication was made possible by a grant of \$500.00 from the Parkinson Fund administered by a committee of the Washington, Pa. Presbytery of the U. P. Church. The Fund can be used solely in projects designed to preserve the Sabbath.

3. THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

A search is being made for a writer who is able and willing to present, in book or pamphlet form, the ideals and standards of the Christian family, with special emphasis on the role of the father in the Christian home. Helpful suggestions for the project should be sent to the Administrative Secretary. (See recommendation a.)

4. LAITY WITNESSING

Copies of the Gospel of John, at 3 cents each, are purchased by the hundred from the American Bible Society. Some are marked in our office and given free; some are taken to be marked, used in group study, or used in person to person sharing of the Gospel. Details concerning the marking are provided in printed form to any inquirer who has awakened to the possibility that he might be used of the Lord in this way, in basic national reformation, which begins with the individual.

5. TEMPERANCE

A victory for the liquor industry came in the report of the Co-operative Commission on the Study of Alcoholism, ALCOHOL PROBLEMS. A REPORT TO THE NATION. Not a single temperance leader was a member of that government Commission which spent six years, a million dollars of tax money, and came up with suggestions that the legal age limit for one purchasing liquor be lowered from 21 to 18; that drinking be introduced more generally in youth groups in churches; that children be taught how to drink properly in the home. The serious results of drinking are recognized, and also the need to look more carefully to the care of the alcoholic. Thus the liquor industry is to profit financially, and the government and private citizens are to pay the cost involved in caring for the product of the industry - human wreckage. The report does provide us with the advantage of having something definite to debate with the liquor interests, and this appeared clearly at the annual meeting of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council held in Washington, D.C. in January. We must continue the war, though many a battle may be lost.

6. PORNOGRAPHY

Though the U.S. Supreme Court, by its decrees, has handicapped lower courts in the fight against smut, two important laws have been passed that help restore the balance: a. A parent may now report to the postal authorities when objectionable material (the parent being the sole judge) is received by a child in the home. The Postmaster General will then take steps to stop that mail. Heretofore there was no legal means of stopping it. b. A law was passed by Congress authorizing the President to appoint a Commission of eighteen leading citizens to study and report on the problem of pornography. The Commission has been appointed, and work has begun. From the names appearing on the Commission one can reasonably hope that some good will result. The NRA will continue to share in this important area of reform.

7. CHRISTIAN STATESMAN

The one hundredth anniversary number of our magazine was dated September-October, 1967, the first issue having been published September 2, 1967. Though costs of printing have gone up, we have been able to keep it a bi-monthly, sixteen pages. Part of the contributions for the general work of the Association are used for this publication. We are encouraged by words of appreciation and by words of criticism, indicating that the magazine is being read. It now goes into forty-seven of our fifty states.

8. LEGISLATION

In this area, our efforts have been directed, for the most part, to the support of two bills: a. The Dirksen prayer bill, S.1, which is

still in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Our folders, designed to aid and encourage citizens to write to Senators, are still going out. b. The Wayne Morse bill, S. 2202, which would prohibit the advertising of liquor on the radio and TV from 3:00 to 10:00 P.M. daily, has been supported by letters to the Senators urging their support for the bill. Though our voice may be weak, it becomes a part of the chorus when joined with others.

9. TRACTS, printed by the NRA

REST . . . IT IS NOT ALL ETERNAL - 1 cent each

WE REAP WHAT WE SOW - 1 cent each

THE NAME SUPREME - 12 - 20 cents; 100 - \$1.25

MY HUSBAND WAS AN ALCOHOLIC - 5 cents each

LET'S UNMASK JOHN BARLEYCORN - 12 - 35 cents;

100 - \$2.50

LOVE REWARDED - 12 - 20 cents; 100 - \$1.50

THE CITY AMERICAN COULD BUILD - 12 - 25 cents;

100 - \$2.00

ACROSTIC - LIQUOR BRINGS . . . - 1 cent each

10. FILMS

Concerning LSD:

LSD, INSIGHT OR INSANITY?

(Just purchased, \$300.00)

Concerning liquor:

SPLIT SECOND

IT'S THE BRAIN THAT COUNTS

VERDICT AT 1:32

Concerning cigarettes:

ONE IN 20,000

CANCER BY THE CARTON

TIME PULLS THE TRIGGER

THE DRAG

(Just purchased, \$95.00)

NOTE: To get the films out over a wide area, we ask but \$3.00 rent. Hence the purchase of new films depends largely on gifts for the cause.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. That the plan to publish a book or pamphlet in the interest of the Christian home be supported by sharing material on the subject, by prayer, and by gifts to aid in the publication.

b. That we encourage our people to share in social action; one example would be to write frequently to legislators and to other government servants, expressing views promoted by a Christian concern for our society.

c. That the conversion of the individual citizens be sought not

only in obedience to our Lord's command, and as a normal expression of our love for our Savior, but also as a basis for social reformation.

National Reform Association Financial Report
for the year 1966-1967

Balance on hand, November 1, 1966 \$ 608.26

RECEIPTS

Churches.	3,110.11
Individuals	5,898.72
Investments	599.67
Sale of Literature.	305.81
Rent.	1,108.00
Film Rental	73.50
Pitcairn-Crabbe Foundation	500.00
Refund on Repairs	10.02
Taken from Reserve Account	
First Federal S&L Assn.	400.00
Annual Dinner Account	<u>243.00</u>
	<u>12,248.83</u>
	12,857.09

EXPENDITURES

For Chester R. Fox, Treasurer
W. W. Weir, Administrative Secretary

Accounts were audited by W. J. C. George and Charles

McKissock, and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Weir
Administrative Secretary, for

Reformed Presbyterian members of the Board of Directors: C. T. Carson, David M. Carson, J. D. Carson, K. S. Edgar, C. R. Fox, G. D. Hill, S. M. Lee, M. W. Martin, D. M. Smith, and K. G. Smith.

The Report of the Reformation Translation Fellowship was presented. Synod reaffirmed its approval of the work of the Reformation Translation Fellowship and its reporting to the church and to interested individuals their activities and needs by newsletter, articles in the Covenanter Witness and the annual report. The Report to Synod is as follows:

Report Of The Reformation Translation Fellowship

Mr. Chao went to Formosa in January 1968, as decided by the Board of Directors, a majority of whom were gathered at the 1967 meeting of Synod, to make preparation for the establishing of a translation headquarters in the Far East. He planned to be there about 6 months. Further decisions must be made by the Board at the 1968 meeting of Synod.

Mr. Chao met with the Presbyterian and Reformed Missions Council of Formosa, a loose coordinating association of the missions seeking the advancement of the Reformed Faith there. They recognize the work of the Reformation Translation Fellowship as making a great contribution toward the literature so necessary for an informed and virile Christian witness. As Synod is now aware, they addressed a resolution to our Church, urging that we appoint Mr. Chao as our missionary to Formosa, thus undertaking formal mission work there as a Church.

We suffered a shock and loss in the sudden death May 9th, of Mrs. Jeanette Li. She had almost completed the writing of her life story, at the urging of her friends and missionary companions, in Chinese and in English translation. She lived frugally by choice, and laid away what she could toward the expense of publishing. The story of the labors and imprisonments, the joys and victories, of this humble Chinese woman, we believe will bring blessing to many, and cause thanksgiving and praise to our Saviour. Her faithful coworker, Miss Rose Huston, will continue her labors, in completing the English translation, after which it is to be published, first in Chinese -- for that is its original form, then in English.

Mr. Chao has been teaching a course in Contemporary Theology at Calvin United Theological College in Hsinchu, Formosa, besides his editorial work. This is a real opportunity to instruct theological students in such recent trends as influenced by existentialists and by "Death of God" theologians. He expects to be back in the U.S.A. in time for Synod.

This is a work that must continue. Publication of sound Bible anchored material has been but a small fraction of what it ought to be, but the sound foundation already laid must be built upon.

Lester E. Kilpatrick

Item 1 of Unfinished Business - the Report of the Committee to Study Non-liturgical Elements in Worship - was presented. A Minority Report was also presented. Item 1 in the Report was adopted as follows:

We recommend that the Sessions recognize their responsibility in the oversight of all acts of Public Worship as suggested in principle in Chapter 2, Section 3, of the *Directory for Worship*, and Chapter 9, Section 7 of the *Book of Church Government*. Time was extended to complete this report. Item 5 in the Minority Report was amended and adopted as follows:

We recommend that Sessions exercise care that the expounding of the Word of God be not neglected in congregational worship.

Synod adjourned in prayer by Robert McMillan.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1968, 8:45 a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, July 17, at 8:45 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by E. R. Hemphill.

The Roll was taken.

The Docket was changed to extend the morning sessions until 12:25 p.m.

The Minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and approved.

Synod's offering was taken and amounted to \$338.30.

Paper twelve from Ohio-Illinois Presbytery relative to the percentage of resident membership necessary to form a quorum at congregational meetings was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary was read and taken up item by item. Item 1 was adopted. After prayer by John McMillan the ballots were passed and their tabulation indicated the re-election of S. Bruce Willson as President of the Seminary and Professor of Church History and Practical Theology for a seven-year term to begin in June 1969. Item 2 was adopted. Item 3 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 4 was referred

to the Nominating Committee. Item 5 was adopted. A rising vote of thanks was given to S. Bruce Willson for active leadership in the Seminary. Wayne Spear reported progress in preparation for his doctorate. Synod voted to recommit the grant of the Co-ordinating Committee to the Seminary. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Seminary Board To The Synod Of 1968

The 157th year of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary saw an unusual number of people involved in the program. The Board records its gratitude to God for His blessings during the year. While we seek to give thanks in all things, three deaths during the year were a cause for special sorrow. With the passing of J. Ren Patterson the Seminary Board lost a long-standing and valued member. His active participation and wise counsel during the past will be greatly missed. Also, the sudden death of the fathers of Edward Donnelly and Knox Hyndman necessitated their return to Ireland. Edward Donnelly's program of studies was not interrupted but Mr. Hyndman had to miss the first semester.

FACULTY

E. Clark Copeland returned to a full teaching schedule following his sabbatical year of study at Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis. S. Bruce Willson and Roy C. Fullerton completed the complement of full professors. K. G. Smith served as part-time instructor in Reformed Evangelism and Edward Donnelly assisted in teaching New Testament Greek. Courses offered for the missionary candidates were taught by the regular faculty with the assistance of S. E. Boyle, R. A. Henning and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Weir. Mrs. Weir was assisted in one course by E. P. Christulides.

Wayne R. Spear, who is being sponsored by the Seminary Board in preparation for the professorship in Systematic Theology, spent the year working for a Master of Theology degree at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He anticipates completing the requirements by August and has been accepted in a doctoral program in the University of Pittsburgh. He will begin work under this program in September 1968. The Board is continuing to provide financing.

The professorial terms of both S. Bruce Willson and Roy C. Fullerton come to an end in May 1969. Therefore, the Board is to present nominations this year for the professorships of Church History and Practical Theology and Systematic Theology and Homiletics. The Board nominates Mr. Willson to succeed himself. Mr. Fullerton will have reached the retirement age and so is not eligible for re-election. In order to give Mr. Spear another full year of graduate study the Board is asking that the election of a professor of Systematic Theology

be postponed a year with the understanding that the Board will arrange for teaching by employing Dr. Fullerton or visiting teachers during the 1969-70 academic year. The Board plans to nominate Wayne R. Spear for this position at the next meeting of Synod.

K. G. Smith has been re-appointed as part-time instructor in Reformed Evangelism and the administration was authorized to arrange for part-time instruction in the department of Biblical Languages and Literature after consultation with E. C. Copeland. At the May meeting of the Board approval was granted for the use of funds to provide for team-teaching with guest instructors in the field of Pastoral Theology.

STUDENTS

The following students have been enrolled during the year:

Donald Crawford, Evangelical United Brethren (now the United Methodist Church) New Castle, Pa. Senior.

Edward Donnelly, Grosvenor Road, Belfast Congregation, Eastern Presbytery, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Senior.

Dean R. Smith, North Hills R. P. Congregation, Pittsburgh Presbytery. Senior.

Knox Hyndman, Trinity Street, Belfast Congregation, Eastern Presbytery, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Senior, Dec. 1968.

Bruce C. Hemphill, Syracuse R. P. Congregation, St. Lawrence Presbytery. Senior (1969)

A. Wayne Duffield, New Alexandria R. P. Congregation, Pittsburgh Presbytery. Middler.

Paul M. Martin, Santa Ana R. P. Congregation, Pacific Coast Presbytery. Middler.

Charles W. Marvin, Assemblies of God, Duquesne, Pennsylvania. Middler.

James M. Wright, Kansas City R. P. Congregation, Midwest Presbytery. Middler.

Lee P. Bittner III, College Hill R. P. Congregation, Pittsburgh Presbytery. Junior.

Ronald N. Homa, Second R. P. Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana, Ohio-Illinois Presbytery. Junior.

David L. Wilcox, Eastvale R. P. Congregation, Pittsburgh Presbytery. Junior. Withdrew in February to go to medical school.

Daniel J. Wolf, Christian & Missionary Alliance, Hazelwood, Pennsylvania. Junior

Robert Henninger, Second R. P. Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana, Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, Special Student (second semester).

Edward D. Jackson, American Baptist, Bovard, Pennsylvania, Auditor.

Ralph K. White, First Christian Church, Duquesne, Pennsylvania. Special Student.

Robert S. Widenor, Christian & Missionary Alliance, McDonald, Pennsylvania. Special Student (First semester).

Richard B. Ayres, Topeka R. P. Congregation. Foreign Mission Board, Missionary Candidate.

Daniel C. Copeland, Wilkinsburg R. P. Congregation, Foreign Mission Board, Missionary Candidate.

Kathryn Elliott, Topeka R. P. Congregation, Foreign Mission Board, Missionary Candidate.

Mary Matteson, Syracuse R. P. Congregation, Foreign Mission Board, Missionary Candidate.

William Sterrett, College Hill R. P. Congregation, Foreign Mission Board, Missionary Candidate.

The first three named, Mrs. Crawford, Donnelly, and Smith, were awarded the diploma of the Seminary at the commencement program on May 14, 1968.

The psychological testing of incoming students by the Pennsylvania Counseling Service, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, appears to be beneficial. Three students accepted the recommendation for follow-up counseling sessions. The total cost of this program for the 1967-68 academic year was \$467.00, which was paid from the student aid fund.

FINANCES

Budgeted receipts for 1967 exceeded expenditures by \$2.00. While income from Synod's budget was \$2,035.00 less than had been appropriated, dividends from investments exceeded the amount anticipated by \$1,200.00.

Special gifts to the Seminary this year have included \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. E. Rodrick MacLaughlin and \$4,200 from the Ford AID Matching Fund. A bequest of \$500.00 was received from Miss Ella Adams. Gifts to special projects have included \$237.25 from Women's Missionary Societies. \$831.00 has been received for the Endowment Fund. For all these gifts the Seminary is deeply grateful to God and to those through whom He so graciously bestows His benefits.

After careful consideration of the budget for 1969 it was decided to request \$21,920.00 from Synod's budget for the current account and \$1,000.00 for student aid. Robert Henning was appointed to represent the Seminary before the Coordinating Committee.

SEMINARY UPGRADING

A Seminary Self-Study Committee under the chairmanship of James Carson, chairman of the Board, is directing efforts to strengthen the Seminary. John Dale Russell of the Board of Superintendents is

serving as a consultant for the committee and the administration. John M. Mitchell, associate professor of Business Administration at Geneva College, has been employed at an hourly rate as a consultant to advise the Board on improving the accounting procedures of the Seminary. A conversation with Dr. Fredric K. Miller, Commissioner for Higher Education in Pennsylvania, was encouraging. It continues to be the hope of the Board that the Seminary may amend its charter in order to gain authority to grant degrees.

An unusually large gift was received in the form of a bequest of Florence B. O'Neill Tibby. The market value of stock received runs close to \$80,000 on the basis of recent quotations. Careful study is being given to the matter of how this bequest might be used in advancing the Seminary in its long-range program. A special meeting of the Board was held in January for this purpose but the Board has delayed making disposition of this bequest until the results of the self-study reveal what priorities should be established.

The following were re-elected as officers of the Board at the May meeting:

Chairman:	James D. Carson
Vice-chairman:	Claude C. Brown
Secretary:	Willard G. McMillan

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Synod proceed to the election of S. Bruce Willson for another seven year term to begin in June 1969 as president of the Seminary and professor of Church History and Practical Theology;
2. That the election of a successor for Roy C. Fullerton as professor of Systematic Theology and Homiletics be post-poned one year;
3. That effective January 1, 1969 the salaries of seminary professors be as follows:

S. B. Willson	\$8250, of which \$2500 is for housing and utilities (an increase of \$750)
R. C. Fullerton	\$7400, of which \$2500 is for housing and utilities (an increase of \$600)
E. C. Copeland	\$7300, of which \$2500 is for housing and utilities (an increase of \$600)

4. That successors for J. D. Carson and J. D. Russell of the class of 1968 and J. R. Patterson of the class of 1970 be elected (the Board would suggest J. D. Carson to succeed himself, Waldo Mitchell to succeed J. D. Russell and J. D. Russell to succeed J. R. Patterson);
5. That S. Bruce Willson, President, be heard in behalf of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
Willard McMillan, Secretary

The Report of the Committee on Inter-Church Correspondance and Study was presented. It was taken up item by item. Ray Blair and Paul Hindman were given the courtesies of the floor to answer questions. Item 1 was taken up item by item. Item a was adopted. Items b and c were amended and adopted. Items d-f were adopted. Item 1 was adopted as a whole. Item 2 was adopted. Items 3-5 were referred to the Finance Committee. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Interchurch Correspondence And Study

The Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study co-operated in setting up a meeting between representatives of the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian Church and representatives of our Synod at Washington, Iowa, Oct. 20, 1967. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibilities of union between our two Synods.

It was found that both Synods adhere to the Westminster Confession of Faith and the larger and shorter Catechism. Both denominations have participated in public covenants. Both denominations have a written Testimony as part of their doctrinal standards. Both denominations have confessional standards for membership and adhere to close communion. Both denominations have a position against membership in oath-bound fraternal orders. Both denominations sing Psalms exclusively without instrumental accompaniment.

Points of difference are as follows: while both denominations practice total abstinence, A.P.'s make "temperance" a condition of membership, whereas, R.P.'s make "total abstinence" a condition of membership. A.P.'s do not ask ordained men to refrain from smoking, whereas, R.P.'s do. The basic difference over the years has been the extent of the mediatorial office of Christ - - Is Christ's Kingship over the nations under His common grace or under His office as Mediator? From our discussion, it would seem that our present generations are not demanding either as an exclusive position, but that both are true. The A.P.'s are willing to accept our present position as adopted by the Synod of 1967.

We would recommend:

1. That Synod approve the Union of the Associate Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian Churches which would be consummated at the Synod Meeting in 1969 on the basis of the following provisions:
 - a. That both Synods vote in favor of the Union.
 - b. That the name and titles of the new denomination will be those now in use by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N.A.

- c. That the Standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N.A. be accepted by both denominations as the Standards of the united church.
- d. That the following steps be taken to implement the details of union:
 1. That the A.P. congregations be aligned with the following Presbyteries:
 - Minneola with Midwest Presbytery
 - Washington with Iowa Presbytery
 - Rymersburg with Pittsburgh Presbyteryand that representatives of these congregations be invited to be observers at Fall meetings of Presbyteries.
 2. That members of former A.P. congregations be transferred to the rolls of the presbyteries appropriate to their present situation.
 3. That the A.P. mission work at Chester, Arkansas be continued and referred to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.
 4. That representatives of the A.P. Church be placed on our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Board of Trustees.
 5. That the pensions of Dr. Atchison (\$75.00 a month) and Mrs. McBee (\$50.00 a month) be continued and that any increases in pension payments be applied to them.
 6. That the matter of pension agreements for Rev. Ray Blair and Rev. Paul Hindman and the relationship of the A.P. congregations to the Pension Fund be referred to the Board of Pensions.
 7. That all matters pertaining to church properties and funds held by the A.P. Synod be referred to a committee representing the respective Boards of Trustees.
 8. That the requirement concerning use of tobacco for ordained officers not be considered retroactive, but that those ordained after the consummation of the Union in the former A.P. congregations adhere to this principle.
 9. That A.P. congregations be permitted to continue to use historic congregational names if they so desire.
- e. That there be no overture sent down to our sessions since no constitutional change is proposed for our denomination.
- f. That the Interchurch Correspondence and Study Committee be empowered to make arrangements with representatives of the A.P. Synod for a fitting ceremony at the Synod of 1969 to consummate the union, and that this be held at the opening session of Synod in 1969 preceding the election of the officers of Synod.

2. That Pastors Blair and Hindman of the A.P. Church be guests of our Synod both at the meeting of the Covenanter Conference and at the meeting of Synod.
3. That Synod approve the travel expense involved in the meeting at Washington, Iowa.
4. That Synod pay the complete expenses of L. E. Kilpatrick to the R.E.S. at Amsterdam. (This is necessary since the International Convention was postponed; since John White, the other delegate will be in Ireland, the recommendation of last Synod would still apply to him.)
5. That the above expenditures and an item of \$10.72 for phone and postage be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce C. Stewart, Chairman
S. Bruce Willson
John McMillan
C. E. Caskey

The Report of the Oath Committee was presented. It was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Oath Committee

The Oath Committee would respectfully report:

The case of Marshall Smith who was dismissed from his place of employment, because he would not take the oath to the Constitution without the Explanatory Declaration adopted by our church, is still pending in the 4th District Court of Appeals in the State of California. The case is under the supervision of the Ad Interim Commission of the Pacific Coast Presbytery.

The Rev. Bruce C. Stewart received the following letter from the attorney who is employed by our church to appeal this case. The letter is as follows:

Dear Rev. Stewart:

It is always difficult to ask you to wait. I am sure that waiting is exaggerated by the distance which interferes with a full communication of the progress of the case.

The progress which I can report is not sufficient. The case stands on the ready list of the 4th District Court of Appeals. It is there by order of the California Supreme Court. First impressions caused this office to believe it would have been heard before now.

I personally have visited the clerk asking for calendar information. The answer is always general and I now am informed that the case should be heard in June or July.

Caught in the procedural delays that are unfortunately a part of our court system, my own spirits have settled greatly. The Supreme Court of California, in December, determined that acknowledging member-

ship in the communist party was not a fair test to make one unacceptable for State or County employment.

I believe our case pushed that opinion a logical step farther to say that acknowledging a relationship with Jesus Christ should not preclude State or County employment.

I have spent research time. I am prepared for the court hearing. I pray for wisdom from God for that hearing, and for the present I rely on the belief that he controls the schedule of the court.

Pray for me. Pray for Marshall. Pray for the clearness of mind and speech and thought which God can give each of us for the future of this action.

Thank you for your interest and concern that this matter go forward.

Very truly yours,
Donn H. Goss

This is where the case stands at the present. Until the case is settled in favor of Mr. Smith we cannot say that the oath to the Constitution will always be accepted when the Explanatory Declaration is used. Even if the Court of Appeals decides in our favor there would be the possibility that a higher court might reverse their decision. A decision in our favor in the Court of Appeals would be a significant victory.

Because of the action taken by the last Synod in regard to the members of our church voting for candidates for office, it is not quite clear what our emphasis should be in the future. Since the report states, "that for the sake of bearing witness to the Kingship of Christ and to make very clear the sense in which the oath to the Constitution, he publicly use the most recent form of the Explanatory Declaration"; and also in view of the fact that a substantial minority registered their protest against this action of Synod, your committee feels that we should render all possible support to those who use the Explanatory Declaration.

We have on hand a supply of the tract "An Explanatory Declaration" which seeks to explain our position. We also have on hand questionnaires to be mailed to candidates in regard to their willingness to use the Explanatory Declaration. These can be secured free of charge, from the Chairman of the Oath Committee or Mr. Fox's office.

Recommendations:

1. That the members of Synod and the Church uphold Donn H. Goss in prayer as he pleads our case before the court.
2. That the members of Synod and the Church pray for the Spirit of Christ, that we might find and use the most effective means to bring our beloved Land to acknowledge the authority and Law of Jesus Christ. That our nation might repent and see the need of enacting only such laws, and pursuing only such policies as are in conformity to the Law of God.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. Caskey
Roy M. Adams
W. G. McMillan
William H. Russell
David M. Carson
Charles R. McBurney
Harold B. Harrington

After a session of prayer for the Appeal of the Marshall Smith case which is being heard at this time, Synod recessed in prayer by A. W. Smith.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1:30 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by L. E. Kilpatrick.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following resolutions from the Board of Pensions were read and adopted:

Resolutions:

1. Due to problems of administration in connection with the Educational and Retirement Fund, and because we feel that there is need for a larger financial base in the pension plan, we recommend that the Education feature be dropped and the funds used entirely for providing pensions.

2. Due to the fact that we as a Pension Board feel that we need added to the Board a member with accounting experience, we would ask that Synod grant us the right to increase our Board's membership by one, to be selected by the Nominating Committee.

Item 2 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee to Study Ordination of Men Leaving the Ministry - was presented. The recommendation was amended and adopted. The Report as a whole was amended and adopted and is as follows:

Report Of Committee To Study Ordination Of Men Leaving The Ministry

Your committee interprets the assignment given to us as instruction to determine the status of such ministers and what the church should do about it.

First of all, then, let us face the question: **WHAT IS ORDINATION?** A fair answer is as follows: "Ordination is the solemn, formal recognition of the candidate's call from God and from the people, with a formal authentication and designation of him as an

officer before God and His people. It does not confer the right of the office. Christ does that. It is the church's admission of an individual to the discharge of the office to which Christ has called him." The ordination of Timothy is a good model. (I Tim. 4:14; II Tim. 1:6)

The office of pastors and teachers is a standing ordinance of Christ in the church. The ministry is of divine appointment and it is a permanent office in the Christian Church. Ordination is a setting apart to this office. The names and titles given to pastors and teachers in the Scripture proclaim them to hold a standing office in the Christian Church. They are called; they are ministers of Christ; they are represented as stewards of the mysteries of God; they are spoken of as ambassadors of Christ.

Next, let us consider the OBLIGATIONS OF ORDINATION. In view of Timothy's having been ordained, Paul urged him to "war a good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience"; to neglect not the gift received with ordination. Exhortations are as strong as the promises. Gifts must never be unused. The many exhortations to study, to teach, to preach, to "be instant in season, out of season," to "hold fast," to "be not ashamed", all remind the minister of his responsibility both to himself and to the church.

The devil has a way of taking his toll in the loss of zeal, in discouragement, in doubt, in neglect, in loss of assurance of the call of God, to make shipwreck of the office if not also of the faith. (I Tim. 1:8f; 4:14; II Tim. 1:6) Calvin says: "If anyone would be deemed a true minister of the church, he must first be duly called, and secondly, he must answer to his calling; that is, undertake and execute the office assigned to him. There must be fidelity in discharging the office." Calvin clearly joins Paul in the view that to hold onto the office without exercising the gifts with fervor dishonors the office and the Lord who calls to it. The minister is a man under orders. Only the One who gave the orders can change or end them. The Scriptures say nothing of a man's right or privilege of turning aside from the task of the ministry. The very nature of the appointment precludes the supposition.

Now the question may well be asked: "May a minister depart from the *pastoral* ministry or a related ministry requiring the qualifications of ordination, without relinquishing his ordination?" The dignity and respect of the office are at stake here as well as the call of God.

"Self-respect is the cornerstone to all successful claim to the respect of others, and if the ministry be loved, it should respect itself too much to allow its title to be borne by one who is not both 'de facto' and 'de jure' a minister." **

Another question arises for our consideration, which is: "What

is to be understood by the phrase 'leaving the ministry'?" Your committee is agreed that "leaving the ministry" is not equivalent to "leaving the pastorate". The Reformed Presbyterian Church has for many years recognized the necessity of a ministry of the Word which is free from the usual pastoral duties, ceremonial and disciplinary. The Church has recognized as legitimate, full-time occupations of a minister such services to the Lord's work as: the teaching of the Word in our Theological Seminary or College, the service of missionary work at home or abroad, the editorship of the Church paper, the platform or writing for the National Reform Association, Christian Amendment Movement, or Reformation Translation Fellowship.

Our main concern is over ministers who have turned completely to secular occupations, and have thereby ceased to exercise their calling. It is our opinion that it is the responsibility of the Presbytery under which such a minister is listed as a member, to interview him as to his activity with respect to his ordination vows; to inquire as to the reason for his ceasing to function as an active minister and the likelihood of his resuming the ministerial function.

We therefore submit the *following recommendation*: that "the activity of every ordained minister, not in the pastorate or serving as stated supply, or under appointment of a church court or an institution of the denomination in a position traditionally requiring the services of an ordained minister, or who is retired by reason of ill-health or of age, shall come under *annual* review of the Presbytery of which he is a member, for approval of his continuing such activity or capacity. Such approval may be given up to five (5) times, including the original release from the pastorate. If the Presbytery does not approve or if five years have elapsed and the individual is unwilling to return to the pastorate or other service within the dignity of his ordination vows, the Presbytery may, by two-thirds vote, remove from him provisionally the privilege and responsibilities of membership in Synod and Presbytery, the party having had a formal hearing. The same action shall leave open the door for restoration to full privilege and standing for one willing to return to the pastorate or other ministerial function.

Persons provisionally without the privileges and responsibilities of membership in Synod or Presbytery are still eligible to receive a call from a congregation to be its pastor, and to preach only by permission of Presbytery, to perform weddings and officiate at funerals, but not to administer the sacraments. A list of such persons shall be published each year in the *Minutes of the Synod* so that congregations will know these men may possibly be available.

It is the understanding of the committee that the traditionally accepted occupations and organizations mentioned above shall not be considered as an exclusive and complete listing of possible Christian work which our denomination might include and sanction. That

would be the decision of Presbytery in any particular case.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed)

Charles M. Cunningham

Charles M. Lee

J. G. Vos

D. R. Wilcox

Alvin W. Smith, Chairman

** Quotation, paragraph 6, page 43, is from Presbyterian Quarterly Review, 1856-57.

G. M. Robb and Robert B. McCracken were appointed by the Moderator as fraternal delegates to the meeting of the Synod of the Associate Presbyterian Church in Washington, Iowa, on August 12, 1968.

The Report of the Witness Committee was presented. Items 1-4 were adopted. Item 5 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 6 was adopted. Synod extended the time to complete this report. Synod asked the Nominating Committee to bring into this Synod a recommendation concerning the re-organization of the Witness Committee into three classes of three men each. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of Witness Committee

The Witness Committee would respectfully report that during this past year there have been few called meetings, but that despite this fact, the committee work has been carried on faithfully by those to whom it has been particularly entrusted.

Two matters were referred to the sub-committee on publications: (1) The printing of new chapters eight, twenty-nine, and thirty of the Constitution. (2) The printing, at the request of the Board of Christian Education, of parts of the book, *The Psalms in Worship* by John McNaugher. The first item has been undertaken and copies of these chapters should soon be available. The second item was referred to Rev. Robert Milliken, a member of both the Board of Christian Education and the Witness Committee for his recommending to both boards which sections of the book might effectively be published.

No new tracts were published during the year, nor were any of our tracts republished. The demand for these tracts appears to be light.

Two matters were considered by the Committee with respect to Dr. S. E. Boyle and his work with the Christian Amendment Movement: (1) A consideration of the CAM's status as a lobbying organ-

ization, in the light of the fact that such a status continually presents certain real problems for Dr. Boyle. (2) A consideration of the possibility of moving the headquarters of the CAM to the Washington, D.C., area from Pittsburgh. Eventually, these two questions were referred to the Executive Committee of the CAM. This committee discussed these problems, following which they reaffirmed the present goals of the CAM which Dr. Boyle instructed to "concentrate his efforts on research, education, literature and radio, at his discretion."

The move of CAM headquarters from Pittsburgh to Washington, D. C., appears to be unfeasible at this time.

Dr. Boyle and Miss Boyd have continued to carry on the work of the Christian Amendment Movement with diligence, loyalty, and conviction. We are grateful to them for carrying on the normal activity with a reduced office force. We also wish to express our gratitude to Mrs. R. H. Milroy, who retired last summer, for her years of faithful service to the CAM.

"The Christian Patriot" was sent during the year to an average of 2,514 persons per month. Radio work for CAM has become more difficult. As of December 31, 1967, five stations were carrying the "America for Christ" program. During the latter half of 1967, twenty-six new radio tapes were produced. An effort has been made by Dr. Boyle to get on radio and television "talk shows". He was successful in getting on four such radio shows and two television shows. He has also considered favorably the production of five-minute radio "spots" instead of the usual fifteen-minute program. Dr. Boyle made five trips to Washington, D. C., in 1967 and one trip each to Toronto, Canada, Indiana and Iowa, and to Orlando, Florida.

The CAM office printed 10,000 bulletin covers which were used by both our own pastors and other pastors interested in this work. The majority of these were used on one of the two Sabbaths recommended by Synod for CAM promotion. In addition, 26,219 items were mailed from the office. The series of news releases was continued from last year.

We recommend:

1. That pastors preach on the subject of the Kingship of Christ at least once during the year.
2. That either the Sabbath before Memorial Day or the Sabbath before the Fourth of July be designated Christian Amendment Day and that our ministers be urged to preach on our nation's duty to Christ and to use the bulletin covers furnished by the Christian Amendment Movement.
3. That S. E. Boyle be heard on the floor of Synod in connection with this report.
4. That successors to N. M. Carson, C. E. Caskey, C. R. McBurney, H. E. McKelvy, and R. B. Tweed, whose terms expire with this

Synod, be appointed.

5. That the salary of S. E. Boyle be \$7800, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1968. (This will offset his situation of not being able to deduct housing costs when paying income tax).
6. That S. E. Boyle be elected to a three-year term to carry on the work of the Christian Amendment Movement.

Respectfully submitted,
N. M. Carson, Chairman

By special resolution Edward Robson was granted participation in Synod's Travelling Fund.

Synod adjourned in prayer by Verd Dunn.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 8:45 a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday, July 18, at 8:45 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by A. D. Robb.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Item 10 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Long Range Planning - was presented. It was taken up item by item. Item 1 was amended and adopted. Item 2 was referred to the committee called for in Item 1. Item 3 was amended and adopted. Item 4 was adopted. Item 5 was laid on the table to entertain the following substitute: That the Board of Publication be directed to study the merits of publishing the Covenanter Witness on ■ bi-weekly or monthly basis. The substitute was adopted. Item 6 was stricken. Item 7 was adopted. Item 8 was stricken. Item 9 was adopted. Item 10 was amended and adopted. Item 11 was referred to the Finance Committee. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Long-Range Planning Committee

The Committee on Long-Range Planning considers its work in the light of the assignments to the previous Long-Range Planning Committee and its recommendation that a new Committee be appointed.

The Committee met once on Feb. 21st, in connection with the meeting of Presbytery, and met again for 5 hours in Los Angeles on May 4th. Other consultation has been held informally between members and in correspondence.

It is the consensus of the Committee that establishing priorities in the total effort of the church should be our primary consideration. It is our judgement that things which God has commanded for the building of his church should receive first priority. In seeking to glorify God and enjoy Him we are to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord in its basic emphasis upon the proclamation of the full

Gospel of Jesus Christ. Such a priority may mean that we cannot spread our manpower and finances as widely as we are presently doing. It led the Committee to decide that consolidation of some of our present boards and committees would integrate and make more effective and efficient the work of the church.

Of first priority then, would be steps leading to the establishment of a Board of Evangelism and Missions, that the total witness of the Gospel might be carried forward. This would mean that the present Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Evangelism, and Church Erection would be consolidated into one board with sub-committees for the various areas of work. It is our judgement that if the proposed Board is approved, the Synod should proceed to elect an Executive Secretary of this combined board with responsibilities of research as well as administration.

While Christian Education is closely akin to and part of the thrust of evangelism and missions, the present Board of Christian Education might well continue as a separate board according to its defined duties and responsibilities. Rapport and interchange between the two boards should be encouraged thru the proximity of location of their offices.

The increasing secularization of public schools should lead us to examine our philosophy as a church toward the place of Christian Day Schools. From a long-range standpoint it would seem that the Board of Christian Education should direct its attention towards study and expression of our denominational philosophy towards Christian Day Schools.

Also from a long-range standpoint it would seem that the Board of Christian Education should act as a promotion and distribution agency for all denominational literature and materials, and that the Board of Publications should act as an agency for publication of all denominational literature and materials. While we do not see consolidation of these two boards as high a priority as the Board of Evangelism and Missions, we believe that there is over-lapping of duties and that the boards should initiate steps of co-operative effort leading to eventual consolidation.

A long-range view involves finances as well as manpower. In light of the significant expenditure of Synod's Budget for the "Covenanter Witness", there may be wisdom in considering a bi-monthly or monthly publication instead of a weekly paper. With rising postal rates this would represent a significant reduction in expenditure.

We see no reasons for any change at present in the purposes and constituency of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College, the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary, the Stewardship Committee and the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study.

While we are not recommending immediate action relating to

Synod's Board of Trustees and the Board of Pensions, we are agreed that by 1973 these two Boards should come up with a possible plan of consolidation. It would seem that the administration of pensions and aid to dependent members of families of servants of the church would naturally devolve upon the Board of Trustees.

To help the Board of Trustees become more representative of the church, and communicate more effectively with the church we are recommending that annual reports of their meetings be reported to the Synod (i.e. number of meetings, items considered, actions taken, etc.), and that one associate member of the Board of Trustees be appointed by each Presbytery to meet with the Board during the meeting of Synod and to receive all the minutes of the Board Meetings.

The Witness Committee, the Oath Committee, and the Temperance Committee each have their several emphases, yet all are part of our witness as a church; therefore, we are of the opinion that steps to consolidate these committees by 1973 be started by representatives of these several committees. There would be wisdom if this combined Witness Committee could integrate liaison with the Christian Amendment Movement and the National Reform Association as well, but since they are inter-denominational in character there could be no organic co-ordination.

One other area of co-ordination is the opportunity of having the several offices of the church in the same building in Pittsburgh, Pa. (viz. The Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees, the Director of Christian Education, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Missions, the office of "The Covenanter Witness", and possibly a Church Book Store) From the standpoint of co-ordination, co-operation and financial outlay, there would seem to be much to commend such a plan.

We would make the following recommendations to the Synod:

1. That the Synod appoint a committee to bring recommendations for a plan of consolidation of the present Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Evangelism, and Church Erection into a new Board of Evangelism and Missions, and that these recommendations be presented to the Synod of 1969.
2. That Synod set up the office of Executive Secretary of the above board to be elected by the Synod.
3. That the Board of Christian Education study the philosophy of the church toward the place of Christian Day Schools and bring recommendations to the Synod of 1969.
4. That the Boards of Christian Education and Publication initiate steps of co-operative effort to be reported to the Synod of 1969.
7. That Synod's Board of Trustees make an annual report of its

Board meetings to the Synod beginning in 1969.

9. That the Witness Committee, the Oath Committee and the Temperance Committee work together to take steps to consolidate into a new Witness Committee by 1973.

10. That the following Boards, and any others who desire to participate or to be represented in the discussion and planning chose one member to serve on a committee which will consider central denominational office facilities in Pittsburgh, Pa., and that this committee present a plan for such office facilities to the Synod of 1971, and that a convener be appointed by the Nominating Committee: Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Evangelism, Church Erection, Trustees of Synod, Superintendents of the Seminary, Christian Education, Publication and Witness Committee.

11. That travel expense of \$32.40 and phone and postage expense of \$6.92 be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce C. Stewart, Chairman
J. D. Birdsall
Donald Gouge

L. E. Kilpatrick
J. Lamont
R. McCracken
J. Pennington

A Resolution presented by Roy Blackwood, Jr. was adopted as follows: That the Board of Christian Education study the quality of Christian Day School education and bring a report to the Synod of 1969.

The Report of the Elders' Conference was read. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was referred to the Stewardship Committee. Item 3 was adopted. Item 4 was approved and referred to the Stewardship Committee. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of Elders Conference Synod, July 16, 1968

We recommend:

1. Ref: Report of the Covenanter Conference, item 3b, "That Synod appoint a special committee to study the feasibility of granting to Sessions broader powers of discretion in admitting to the sacraments individuals of evangelistic belief and practice." We further recommend that the *non-feasibility* of such action also be definitely studied.
2. That Synod look into the feasibility of having a presbyterial and national organization of deacons as consultative members of the Coordinating Committee.
3. That Item 2 of last years Elders Conference Report be repeated

for emphasis and is as follows: "With concern for the spirit of reverence in our worship services, we recommend that one Sabbath each year be devoted to special emphasis on this subject."

4. The approval by Synod of recommendation No. 1 of the Covenanter Conference relative to the tithe which is as follows: "That study be given to the implication involved in the fact that in the worship of the Old Testament Church, the command to pay the tithe appear as binding and mandatory as the command to sing the Psalms."

Respectfully submitted,
Milford Hayes, Chairman
A. D. Robb, Secretary

The Report of the Temperance Committee was presented. The recommendations were adopted and the Report of the Committee was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of Synod's Temperance Committee

The long range purpose of your committee is the promotion of the Spirit-filled life, free from the blight of narcotics. By narcotics is meant the list of drugs including tobacco, alcoholic beverages, marijuana, heroin, L.S.D., barbituates and such like. The effects of the use of these are detrimental and their use is contrary to the ideals of Christianity. They defile the temple of the Holy Spirit and should be avoided completely.

As is apparent to any casual observer, the situation in America as concerns the use of narcotics has become worse than it was a year ago. The promotion through advertising of the sale and use of alcoholic beverages and the use of cigarettes has continued unabated.

The scare thrown into the minds of cigarette smokers by the spot announcements on radio and in the press, by the American Cancer Society and the U.S. Department of Health has caused a considerable number of smokers to give up the habit. But, alarmingly enough, new smokers from among our youth, take up the habit so that the total number of users of cigarettes is larger. The acceptance of the practice of social drinking has widened and the physical and spiritual damage to the people of this nation has increased.

What shall we do in the face of these things? What shall we teach adults and the youth in the church about the use of alcoholic beverages? What shall we teach them concerning tobacco and the psychedelic drugs?

The answer is clear. The one sure preventive defense against the dangers of their use is ABSTINENCE, after the example of Daniel

who purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat nor with the wine which the king drank. The second part of the answer is that the only deliverance for victims of indulgence is the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

These detrimental products under discussion add nothing to physical and mental efficiency. On the other hand they subtract and work harm. Indulgence in fleshly lusts such as smoking and drinking wars against the soul and is not the part of a Christian.

Your committee believes that the Covenanter Church should not only maintain its stand against even the occasional use of alcoholic beverages and continue to discourage the use of tobacco in any form, but, in addition, it should fortify the minds and hearts of boys and girls, young men and young women by giving them the facts as to the disastrous effects of the use of these things, on the physical, mental and spiritual health of each person.

We, therefore, recommend a strong church-wide, up-to-date resumption of resolution on the part of adults and youth for the Spirit-filled life free from the blight of beverage alcohol, tobacco and the psychedelic drugs such as L.S.D., marijuana and heroin. This renewed stand will help establish a wall of defense against temptation to indulge in these harmful products. Let this be promoted by pastors in their sermons, by parents in their homes and by Sabbath School superintendents and teachers, in suitable instruction and encouragement for the signing of pledge cards for commitment to abstinence.

A forthright example by parents and the proper enlightenment of youth will furnish moral stamina to meet the crucial tests of character in the life of the nation.

The National Temperance Essay Contest decided upon a year ago has been carried out and the results will be announced at Synod in July.

We offer the following recommendation: that a pledge-signing campaign be conducted by pastors and S.S. superintendents on the 27th of October, 1968 for non-use of alcoholic beverages and of tobacco and of marijuana, LSD and heroin. The terms for which J. L. Coon DDS and John O. Edgar D.D., were appointed, has expired and their successors should be chosen at this synod.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

J. L. Coon, DDS.
Stewart M. Lee, PH.D.
A. W. Smith, Chairman

The Report of the Board of Christian Education was lifted from the table to consider Item 6. The program of the proposed R. E. S. Youth Conference was distributed to the Synod for infor-

mation. Item 6 was adopted. Robert More, Jr. registered his dissent to this action. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Board Of Christian Education To The Synod Of 1968

Education in our society is growing more important and taking a larger place in the structure of our civilization. Our church has always felt the value of education, hence the development of our schools and educational programs on the local level. And we are more concerned, especially in these days that education have a Christian context, for we readily see how diabolical some non-Christian education can make people.

ADMINISTRATION - - A major problem of our organization this spring has been the necessity of finding a new place for the office since zoning regulations in Pittsburgh made us vacate the office at 7437 Penfield Court. What we wanted and needed for office space was an important item to decide. The Lord seemed to direct in the securing of new office space at 738 Rebecca Street, Wilkinsburg, Pittsburgh, Pa., that gave much more floor space at only a 25% increase rent, although it was not close to the Seminary. The move has been completed and the new headquarters will allow for an expansion of service.

Also a replacement in the office for Dean Smith who has served well as the assistant to our Director is needed since Mr. Smith has now graduated from the Seminary and expects to be spending next year in Indianapolis. Mr. Ron Homa, a student in the Seminary, has been secured to take over this work in September.

PUBLICATIONS - - Part of the Board's thinking in securing larger office quarters when the move was required was that space might be available for the establishing of a central agency of the church for the distribution of all literature materials that the church publishes and has for sale. The idea was not to start a book store, but to make all materials available from one source and also to produce a catalogue of materials so that they might be more widely used. Agreement and cooperation in this venture has been secured from Synod's Board of Trustees and the Board of Publication. No date has been set as yet for the finalizing of this effort.

The new *Manual for Christian Education Committees* has now been published and is available for \$1.25. The *Elders' Manual* is in the final stages of printing and should be available soon. Two other projects of publication are in process, a Manual for Junior Sponsors and the revision and re-issuing of the *Reformed Presbyterian Manual of Doctrine*.

PROMOTION - - The Double-in-a-Decade program for Sabbath Schools is well past the halfway mark. The emphasis this year has been "Indoctrinate." Next year the emphasis will be on "Grow," Christ centered nurture, with an effort for more and new faces in the local program of Christian Education. Without repeating them here, we urge that the thirteen items pertaining to this as found in the *Goals for Achievement* of the Double-in-a-Decade program will be displayed and constantly considered by each church in its planning and endeavours next year.

A Bible Mastery Month was again sponsored by the Board in February when the church at large was urged to study the book of Joshua. Many churches indicated participation in this study and a recommendation about another Bible Mastery Month for next year will be found in the recommendations.

FINANCES - - With a growing program, with the failure of the church to completely raise the budgeted funds, and with the need to find new and more expensive office quarters, the Board finds itself running a financial deficit that is likely to reach an amount of \$3000 for the year.

Funds for the Curriculum Fund have not yet reached the goal of \$30,000, so the appeal is being continued for another year as was allowed by the Synod of 1967. With one more year to go, we urge each congregation to continue contributions to this Fund that the goal might be fully reached.

YOUTH WORK - - The Men-in-Training program conducted by our Director last summer from July 15 to Sept. 1 in which four young men with our Director attended some of our conferences and rendered service in the fields that were available was considered a very profitable effort on the part of all concerned.

This year also a Summer Training Program for young people in the tradition of the past few years is being planned but in a different location, this time in Los Angeles. This should allow the young people of that western area greater opportunity to attend and receive the lift and instruction to send them forth to serve the Lord with evangelistic fervor. The time is June 15-29 and the place is the Fuller Seminary.

A Reformed Ecumenical Youth Conference is being planned for December 27-30 to be held in Tacona, Georgia. Further information will be coming about this later.

The C.Y.P.U. Staff has been active and has instituted some major changes in its program in the past year. An organizational statement has been adopted, a brochure on *The C.U.P.U. Staff* has been distributed, the *Goal Post* publication of the Staff was discontinued largely because of lack of circulation and finances, and a new publication inaugurated called *Scrutiny*, a special color insert in the center

of the *Covenanter Witness* once a month. The Staff is anxious to get reactions to this effort.

Considering the lack of an overall understanding or common agreement as to what the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Secretary of Young People's work in a Presbytery are, it has been suggested that a meeting of the various Presbytery secretaries could be profitable in establishing a common procedural concept for this position. Hence the suggestion is made to the various Presbyteries that funds be allowed the Y.P. Secretary to travel to a meeting of secretaries when and if one can be arranged in the future.

We thank and praise the Lord for His mercies to our Board and its work in the past year and pray that His guidance shall be the more obvious to us in the days before us.

The terms of Donald Birdsall, Donald Felker, Mrs. J.E. McElroy, David Patterson and Samuel Wilkey on the Board expire with this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Howard Elliott, Chairman

Recommendations

1. For the present time that Synod authorize the Board of Christian Education to house and oversee distribution of all the materials published by the Church.
2. That Synod appoint a special committee representative of Synod's Board of Trustees, Publication Board, Finance Committee, and Board of Christian Education to recommend a financial policy concerning the publication and distribution of materials referred to in Item No. 1 to report back to this Synod.
3. That bequests designated to the Board of Christian Education up to \$2853 be used to reduce the deficit budgeted in 1969, or if no bequests come in then \$2853 in undesignated bequests be used to eliminate the deficit.
4. That congregations be urged to participate in a Fall offering for the Curriculum Fund to meet the balance of \$8000 still outstanding in our goal of \$30,000.
5. That the salary of the Director of Christian Education for 1969 be set at \$6000 with a housing allowance of \$1600, which is an increase of \$400 in salary and \$100 in housing allowance over the 1968 figures.
6. That Synod approve our participation in the R. E. S. Youth Conference, December 27-30, 1968.
7. That February 1969 be designated as Bible Mastery Month and that 1st John be selected as the book for study.

8. That the emphasis in our Double in a Decade program be "Spiritual Growth" and that congregations be encouraged to implement the 13 items found in the Goals for Achievement of the Double in a Decade Program.
9. That K. G. Smith be heard regarding the work of Christian Education.
10. That Synod approve the preliminary arrangements for the next Churchwide conference to be held at Carleton College, August 13-20, 1970.

**Board Of Christian Education
1967 Budget Summary**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Salaries	(11,300)		11,184.55
Director	5400.	5400.00	
Admin. Asst.	2500.	2708.33	
Secretary	3400.	3076.22	
Fringe Benefits	(1720.)		1,675.27
Director's Housing	1200.	1200.00	
Director's Pension	165.	162.00	
Sec.'s Insurance	100.	81.92	
Social Security	255.	231.35	
Office	(2970.)		4,316.78
Rent	840.	885.00	
Utilities	130.	132.50	
Phone	300.	438.89	
Supplies	1000.	1639.98	
Equipment	200.	631.89	
Postage	500.	588.52	
Materials	(1400.)		2,154.17
Audio-Visual	200.	—	
Bible Readers	700.	651.60	
Misc. Publications	700.	1502.57	
Other	(5100.)		5,675.28
Field Work	1600.	1793.25	
Board Travel	1500.	1491.90	
Training	1500.	1884.11	
Promotion	100.	45.63	
VBS Assistance	50.	35.00	
Interest	200.	178.20	
Miscellaneous	150.	247.19	
Total	(22,690.)		\$ <u>25,006.05</u>

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Postage	50.	79.75	
Bible Readers	400.	486.42	
Kits	900.	833.85	
Misc. Publications	600.	847.04	
Field Work	800.	548.56	
Training	500.	787.50	
Miscellaneous	<u>100.</u>	<u>121.98</u>	
	(3350.)		3,705.10
Other			
Synod's Budget	19,340.		<u>16,465.00</u>
Total Income			\$ <u>20,170.10</u>
Deficit		—4835.95	
Less: Balance Jan. 1, 1967-Mr. Fox	1352.21		
Balance Jan. 1, 1967-Bank	497.25		
Balance Jan. 1, 1967-Petty Cash	<u>150.00</u>		
Actual Deficit		\$—2836.49(—16.65)—	<u>2,853.14</u>
Balance Dec. 31, 1967-Mr. Fox	—3298.15		
Bank	295.01		
Petty Cash	<u>150.00</u>		
	\$—2853.14		<u>—\$2,853.14</u>

The Report of the Committee on Time and Place was read and adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Time And Place

We recommend that Synod adjourn to meet at Geneva College on Saturday, June 7, 1969, at 6:30 p.m. (Beaver Falls' time). The approximate cost per person we suggest to be \$30. Arrangements may be made to hold the sessions of Synod in the College Hill Church.

We also recommend that the telephone costs of \$4.40 be paid from the miscellaneous fund.

Respectfully submitted,
 Keith Copeland, Chairman
 Robert Templeton
 Don Mullinnix
 S. Bruce Willson
 Willard McMillan

Synod voted to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

The Report of the Publication Board was lifted from the table. It was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Board Of Publication 1968

The Publication Board is grateful for the grace of God in the work of Publication the past year.

Our appreciation is extended to Dr. M. W. Dougherty, the editor of the Covenanter Witness, and to Dr. J. G. Vos, editor of the Blue Banner Faith and Life, whose faithful work and talents have been evident in these two publications.

We rejoice in an increase of 58 paid subscriptions during the year for a total circulation of 2373 for the Covenanter Witness. We regret that increased costs have made it necessary to increase subscription rates by \$1.00 beginning in January, 1969.

An annual amount of \$350.00 is being contributed toward publication of the Blue Banner Faith and Life.

A number of items of interest were included in the report of the editor of the Covenanter Witness to the Board in April and we quote the following from his report:

"We would express deepest gratitude for another year of faithful service by Rev. J. K. Gault, Dr. G. M. Robb, Rev. John McMillan, Rev. Kenneth Smith, the foreign missionaries, the W.M.S. Editor, the contributors of prayer meeting material and Junior lessons. We have appreciated the voluntary contributions from those within our church and others. For example, Dr. Paul Wright frequently sends articles from his medical papers that pertain to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or other harmful drugs.

"Because of the press of other duties, Dr. G. M. Robb, after nine years, has laid down his "hard pencil" in March. This feature has been a popular one in the paper; we commend him for his many years of outstanding service. C. Erskine has consented to continue with a special column of his own: "Erskine's Excursis."

"On November 8, 1967 a new flag appeared, designed by Mr. Donald Walker of Los Angeles. This was done without charge. Especially now with the reverse cut and color we feel it is an attractive heading.

"At the close of 1967 the Young People's Staff discontinued the publication of *The Goal Post* and are now putting a monthly insert called *Scrutiny* in the Witness. This is scheduled for the third issue of each month. Synod's Director of Christian Education and his assistant are also supplying the weekly young people's page, entitled *WITH*. We feel that both of these are an improvement in the paper and we are grateful to them for these materials.

"During the year we have published articles on Baptism from the *Blue Banner Faith and Life*, which are to appear in leaflet form.

"Beginning with January 1967, at the request of the Women's Synodical, we have printed a page for women in the missionary number under the title, This and That in W.M.S.

"Soon to appear is a different page for children, with material supplied by the Junior sponsors over our church, which we hope will be happily received by our younger readers.

"For a year now our paper has been printed by the letter press method, with the exception of *Scrutiny* which is done by the offset method. The charge of 30 cents a square inch is made for cuts that are requested by boards, committees, and individuals.

"We appreciate the careful work of our printer. We extend to him our sympathy in the recent death of his father.

"It is our hope and prayer that through this ministry by God's grace the faith of our people may be enlarged, their loyalty to the church more firmly established, and that the glory of God may be increased in and through our readers."

The present officers of our board are Paul Faris, President; Paul Wright, Vice President; Kenneth McBurney, Secretary; and Donald Fee, Treasurer.

A copy of the financial report of the Board is attached, for reference to the Committee on Finance.

The terms of Wilbur Copeland, T. R. Hutcheson, A. D. Robb, and R. Paul Wright expire with this Synod and their successors should be chosen.

Last year's Synod referred to our Board a manuscript on Canadian Reformed Presbyterian Churches by Robert More, Jr. Our Board has considered this paper, consulted with Mr. More and suggested certain editorial revisions. When these are completed we will again take under advisement the possibility of publishing it.

Recommendation:

1. That the Editor's salary be raised by \$300.00 and his housing allowance by \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth A. McBurney, Secretary

The Covenanter Witness

Treasurer's Report

Period Ending December 31, 1967

BALANCE 1-1-67

\$ 1,523.80

RECEIPTS 1-1-67 Thru 12-31-67

Subscriptions - Congregations	6,554.37
Subscriptions - Individuals	530.50
Budget - 1966 Carryover	4,247.00
Budget - 1967 (Recd. thru 12-31-67)	7,000.00
Kansas Power & Light Dividends	515.00
Kansas City Power & Light Dividends	39.50
Advertising	50.00
Income on Endowment	1,940.69
Interest on Patterson Press Note	336.64
Miscellaneous	<u>77.03</u>
Total Receipts	\$21,290.73
TOTAL	\$22,814.53
DISBURSEMENTS 1-1-67 Thru 12-31-67	\$21,786.62
First National Bank - Sterling, Kansas	\$ 1,027.91

DISBURSEMENTS CLASSIFIED

Editor's Salary	4,700.00
Editor's Housing Allowance	1,200.00
Patterson Press	14,689.49
Blue Banner Faith & Life	350.00
Travel Expense	127.98
Postage	376.50
Telephone	3.95
Dues & Subscriptions	41.00
Editor's Pension Assessment	141.00
Office Expense	79.86
Miscellaneous	<u>76.84</u>
Total	\$21,786.62

Donald C. Fee
Treasurer

Synod re-committed to the Co-ordinating Committee the grant given to the Publication Board.

Synod took recess in prayer by Lewis Keys.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1:45 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by John Ramsey.
The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Item 21 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Scriptural Teaching on Alcohol and Tobacco - was presented. The paper was re-committed to the committee to bring in a report to the Synod of 1969. The Clerk was instructed to place the Report to this Synod in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Item 13 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Ministers' Salaries - was presented. It was taken up item by item. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was amended and adopted. Items 3-5 were adopted. Item 6 was amended and adopted. Item 7 was adopted. Time was extended to complete the Report. Items 8-10 were adopted. By motion, Item 11 was added to the Report and adopted as follows: That the material of the previous committee (See 1967 Minutes, p. 116) be transferred to St. Lawrence Presbytery and that the committee be discharged. The Report of the Committee was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of Committee To Consider Ministers' Salaries

A major function of the committee was in submitting to the *Covenanter Witness* articles related to ministers' salaries. Seven articles in addition to this report have been published.

A number of recommendations are included in this report for consideration by the 1968 Synod. Some comments on these recommendations might be appropriate.

In order to get timely information for analysis and to note progress in higher salaries, it is important that each pastor's current year's salary be included in the statistical reports submitted annually to the Stated Clerk. An annual "Pastors' Salary Survey Report" should be printed in the *Covenanter Witness* and the new salaries be listed in the statistical charts in the *Minutes of Synod*.

We feel that presbyteries should scrutinize more carefully the salaries offered in calls to new pastors, and return the calls to the congregations for reconsideration, if necessary. Also, presbyteries should see to it that the minimum salaries are adhered to promptly.

Congregations should assume greater responsibility in paying for the cost of pastoral services—business costs and ministers' compensation. Distinction should be made between the two items.

Business costs are operating costs of the congregation and should never be included as a part of the ministers' salary. Full reimbursement should be made upon submission of an expense report. A flat monthly expense allowance should be discouraged.

Examples:

1. Car expenses. These constitute a major item of expense for which few pastors are fully reimbursed. One study indicated that \$685 was the median loss to all ministers in 1963.

2. Office supplies and expenses. An allowance for books and subscriptions would be appropriate. Other items: stamps, stationery, secretarial services, etc.
3. Conference expenses: Synod and Presbytery Meetings.
4. Professional Dues.
5. Hospitality.
6. Advanced study: Pastor's refresher course or tuition for other courses.

Ministers' compensation includes the salary and certain fringe benefits which the pastor will use for food, shelter, clothing and other necessities and luxuries of life including the accumulating of savings for retirement.

Examples:

1. Salary
2. Parsonage or allowance in lieu of parsonage
3. Utilities
4. Pension
5. Social Security allowance- -paid to pastor
6. Hospital and medical insurance

We feel that a new classification of pastors should be made -- those of a part-time nature. In this way, the pastor designated as part-time would be free to supplement his income should a congregation be unable to pay at least the minimum salary and the pastor wishes to stay with the congregation. Thus the congregation would not expect full-time services of the minister and the pastor would not feel guilty in not giving full-time service.

Regional allowances are too difficult to determine and administer at the Synodical level, so we recommend that the local congregations use their good judgment in evaluating the cost of living in their localities, and make necessary adjustments.

A major problem of the committee was to propose a fair minimum salary scale which recognizes the many years of experience of a pastor. After considerable discussion, we decided that we should start in 1969 to develop a scale recognizing two classes: no experience and experience. It was believed that at this time it was unrealistic to make recommendations to cover the past years of experience, but that as of 1969 and hereafter, experience should be included in establishing a minimum salary scale.

Another major problem which must be considered is the yearly recognition of the increasing cost of living. On a \$5000 salary, a \$200 increase barely covers the rate of increase which has resulted in recent years. This factor is also included in the proposed minimum salary scale.

However, we feel that congregations should consider past years'

experience more than this proposed scale does. An appropriate amount might be \$50 for each year's experience before 1968.

It should be emphasized that there is a danger that the minimum scale will become the maximum. This should be carefully guarded against.

Recommendations:

1. That the Stated Clerk prepare an annual "Pastors' Salary Survey Report" for publication in the *Covenanter Witness*.
2. That a column be added in the statistical charts for presbyteries in the Minutes of Synod for listing the pastors' salaries for the current year.
3. That each presbytery takes a more active role in overseeing the equity of pastors' salaries.
4. That each congregation be encouraged to assume the responsibility of paying all of the expenses incurred by the pastor in fulfilling his pastoral duties.
5. That each congregation be encouraged to assume more of the responsibility of paying fringe benefits.
6. That if a congregation is unable to pay the minimum salary it inform the pastor that he is a part-time pastor and that he should feel free to supplement his income.
7. That there be no salary differentials due to regions or number of dependents.
8. That the minimum salary for 1969 be set at \$5,000; and at \$5,200 in 1970; and at \$5,400 in 1971; and that an increment of \$400 per year be paid over and above the minimum.

MINIMUM SALARY SCALE

Year	No Experience	With Years of Experience from 1968		
		1 year or more	2 years or more	3 years or more
1969	\$5,000	\$5,400	-----	-----
1970	5,200	5,600	\$6,000	-----
1971	5,400	5,800	6,200	\$6,600

Examples:

- a. The minimum salary for a pastor with no experience in 1969 would be \$5,000. In 1970 the minimum for him would be \$5,600, and in 1971 it would be \$6,200.
- b. The minimum salary for a pastor with one or more years of experience in 1969 would be \$5,400. In 1970 the minimum for him would be \$6,000, and in 1971 it would be \$6,600.

- c. The minimum salary with no experience will increase \$200 per year to offset inflation, and an increment of \$400 will be paid over and above the minimum for experience. Thus the increase in the minimum will be \$600 per year for those with experience.
- 9. That congregations endeavor to pay more than the minimum scale recognizing factors such as effective pastoral work, years of experience, and regional locations; and that the congregations do not let the minimum scale become the maximum.
- 10. That a new Salary Committee be appointed by the 1970 Synod to bring in recommendations to the 1971 Synod concerning the salary scales for 1972 and thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,
Fenton H. Farley, Chairman
Stewart M. Lee
Robert A. Henning
John M. Mitchell

Synod took recess in prayer by David Armstrong.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 7:30 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by Charles Sterrett.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was presented, adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of Board Of Corporators Of Geneva College

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College has held two called meetings since the last meeting of Synod. The first meeting was held at the college on September 30, 1967, for the purpose of approving the sale of a piece of property that had been given to the college. Ten of the Corporators living in the area of the college were present at this meeting.

The other meeting was held at the college on March 13 and 14, 1968. There were 19 of the 22 members of the Board who were present. The chief reason for this meeting was to make some needed changes in the By-Laws of the college. At this meeting, the annual election for members of the Board of Corporators and the Board of Trustees was held. The results of this election are as follows:

To the Board of Corporators for three-year terms: James D. Carson, Kenneth G. Smith, and John Wilson. These men were to succeed themselves in office. Joseph Lamont was elected in place of George D. Hill, who had asked that because of advancing age, his

name not be placed in nomination.

To the Board of Trustees for three-year terms (representing the R.P. Church): E. Ray Campbell, D. Howard Elliott, Robert H. Greenlee, Mrs. Willard Hemphill, William O. Martin, and Kenneth G. Smith. These were elected to succeed themselves in office. Donald Felker was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. R. Patterson.

To the Board of Trustees for three-year terms (representing the Alumni Association, from whom nominations are received): Paul C. Cross and John N. Sawyer, to succeed themselves.

To the Board of Trustees for three years (representing the Business Community, nominations made by the Board of Trustees): D. W. Kelso and Ralph E. Smith, to succeed themselves.

To the Board of Trustees for a two-year term, ending in 1970, Benjamin F. Jones III. Mr. Jones to fill the unexpired term of Walter Gregg, who resigned because of other duties. Mr. Jones, however, declined the appointment because he had too many other commitments. Another appointment will be made at the meeting of the Board of Corporators which will be held at the time of the meeting of Synod.

The term of J. B. Willson has expired and his successor should be chosen.

At a meeting of the Corporators held on July 16, 1968, Dr. Norman Mitchell was elected to the College Board of Trustees, for a two year term, ending in 1970.

Recommendation:

1. That the Report of the Board of Trustees be received by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Edgar, Secretary

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College was received and is as follows:

**Report Of Geneva College Board Of Trustees
(May 1, 1967 through April 30, 1968)**

TO THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE:

Regular meetings were held on May 25, August 24 and October 26, 1967 and on January 18 and March 28, 1968.

We were saddened by the death of the Rev. J. Renwick Patterson, D.D. on March 9, 1968. He had been a faithful member for many years and his counsel will be missed in our meetings and on committees. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family.

In October we adopted the final report of the Joint Committee of the Boards of Corporators and Trustees and the Statement of Foundational Concepts of Christian Education. Copies have been attractively printed and are available.

Dr. Robert Rayburn, President of Covenant Theological Seminary of St. Louis, Missouri, was present early in 1968 to conduct the annual Spiritual Emphasis Week services. Dr. Rayburn had been well received the year before during the joint Week of Prayer services of the Beaver Falls Reformed Presbyterian congregations. His daily Chapel leadership, his various group meetings and informal discussions proved effective with the students and other members of the College family. Several persons made commitments to Christ during the week.

It is now our practice to open the meetings of our Board with an appropriate devotional period under the sponsorship of the Spiritual Resources Committee. Excellent devotional fellowship has been enjoyed.

Construction work is progressing on schedule with Phase II of the Science and Engineering Building. It is expected that this Section II (that toward Reeves Field) will be ready for the fall term. The renewing of the original part of the building (referred to as Section III) is expected to be completed about the first of the year.

Pledges on our \$15,000,000 Ten-Year Development Program Fund Campaign have reached the total of \$3,183,822 and the sum of \$2,673,813 of this amount has been received. We are continually grateful to God that He has led so many groups and individuals to support Geneva by their gifts and influence. Added dormitory space, enlarged food preparation and dining facilities, a social science and humanities classroom building, a Chapel building and performing arts building or facilities are still needed. Financial support from our Church and from the College family has to be secured before corporations, foundations and other friendly sources of financial support will seriously consider our requests.

Day school enrollment this year was 1,315 and the total enrollment was 2,325. It is expected that about 324 seniors will be graduated this year. The June section of the class will number about 224. The others will be graduated in the January and August sections.

The Rev. Samuel E. Boyle, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Christian Amendment Movement, is expected to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon to the graduating class at the services to be held on Sabbath Evening, June 2, 1968 at eight o'clock. Commencement Exercises are expected to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 1968 at 10:00 A.M. in Metheny Fieldhouse. Dr. E. Preston Sharpe, General Secretary of the American Correctional Association, will deliver the address.

At the June and August Commencement Exercises in 1967, honorary degrees were conferred on the following men, four in June and the last named in August:

Dr. Theodore August Distler, President, the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities, who was the Commencement speaker. Doctor of Humane Letters (L. H. D.)

Mr. Theodore Clyde McCarroll, retired, formerly Vice President of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, New York, New York. Doctor of Laws (L. L. D.)

Professor Adam Loughridge, pastor of the Glenmanus Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, Portrush, Northern Ireland, professor in the Theological Hall, Belfast, and visiting professor in the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, during 1966-1967. Doctor of Divinity (D. D.)

The Rev. J. Renwick Wright, pastor of the Dromara Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, Northern Ireland, and exchange pastor of the Geneva Reformed Presbyterian Congregation, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, during 1966-1967. Doctor of Divinity (D. D.)

Dr. G. Hall Todd, pastor, the Arch Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who was the August Commencement speaker. Doctor of Letters (Litt. D.)

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees expire in 1968 and their successors should be elected:

Representing the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

E. Ray Campbell, D. Howard Elliott, Robert H. Greenlee, Mrs. Willard E. Hemphill, William O. Martin, J. Renwick Patterson (deceased) and Kenneth G. Smith

Representing the Alumni Association:

Paul C. Cross and John N. Sawyer

Members certified by the Board of Trustees:

D. W. Kelso and Ralph E. Smith

Also a successor should be elected to fill the unexpired term (to 1970) of Walter E. Gregg. Mr. Gregg resigned because of a conflict of other duties.

We would respectfully request that President Edwin C. Clarke be heard by the Synod on behalf of the College.

We give our thanks to God for His many blessings throughout another year and we pray for His continued help and guidance as we try to do His work here. We appreciate the support and prayers of the Church and of the Synod. We thank the Board of Corporators for working with us and for understanding College problems. We thank the Alumni Association and the Alumni Council, the Administration, the Faculty and the Student Body. All are engaged in joint effort for Geneva.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Merrill Robb, President

Willard G. McMillan spoke in behalf of the College.

The Clerk was instructed to send the greetings of the Synod to Dr. Edwin C. Clarke, and the members of Synod were encouraged to remember him and pray for his complete recovery.

By resolution of the Board of Foreign Missions the following item was referred to the Nominating Committee: The terms of Mr. John Michaelides of Cyprus, and of Mr. Kenneth Sanderson, and American missionary and resident of Cyprus, have expired as members of the Board of Trustees of the Peponiades Trust Fund, and their successors should be chosen for a three year term by this Synod.

The Report of the Judicial Committee was read and decided paper by paper. The conclusions to Paper two were adopted. The recommendations concerning Paper seven were adopted. The judgement of the committee on Paper nine was supported by the Synod. The ruling on Paper ten was amended and adopted. The recommendation on Paper twelve was adopted by a two-thirds vote and will be send down in overture. The Report of the Judicial Committee is as follows:

Report Of The Judicial Committee

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your committee would respectfully report that five papers have been referred to us for study.

PAPER TWO

A paper referred to Synod by Pittsburgh Presbytery asks two questions relative to the possibility of a teaching elder under certain circumstances being a member of a local congregation where he

worships regularly and is not a pastor. Our answers are as follows:

Question No. 1

The paper suggests a contradiction between the statement in our Declaration and Testimony (written 1806), Chapter 23:3, page 192, ("Ministers or teaching elders are the highest officers . . ."); and the Book of Church Government (1945 revision) Chapter 4:3, page 240 ("Both are presbyters with an equal voice in the government of the church."). The paper then suggests that the rule on page v of the Preface to our Constitution might apply: "The earlier documents are to be interpreted by those adopted later."

Your committee does not believe that there is this contradiction between the Testimony of 1806 and the 1945 Book of Church Government, on the matter of parity of elders. For example, in the 1945 Book of Church Government, pages 240 and 241, we find the same truths contrasted in Paper two. Under "The Officers of the Church", Chapter V, on page 240, we read of pastors: "The pastor is the leading officer of a congregation . . ." On the next page, under "Ruling Elders" we now read: "The ruling elders are associated with the pastor, and have an equal voice with him in the government of the church. Thus even in the later document we find the same Scriptural balance between pastoral primacy in some respects and fundamental parity in authority for government which is so well stated in our older standards. I Timothy 5:17 shows the basis of the difference between teaching and ruling elders: "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in word and doctrine."

I Peter 5:1-3 emphasizes the equality of authority and honor among all elders: "The elders which are among you, I exhort, who am also an elder . . . Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock . . ."

In special pastoral duties and privileges such as moderating the session, reading the Holy Scriptures in the worship service, performing marriages, giving the benediction of God to God's people, expounding God's Word to the flock, administering the sacraments, etc., the teaching elder is above the ruling elder. "First among equals," is an expression which has been used to describe the pastoral superiority to ruling elders.

In the fundamental powers of church government and discipline the teaching and ruling elders are exactly equal. One elder's vote is exactly the same as a pastor's vote in all the graduated courts of the church, from session through presbytery to Synod. This Scriptural balance between disparity and equality is, we believe, maintained in all our church standards which refer to the eldership.

The question raised in Paper 2 is whether or not a teaching elder possessing these special features belonging to the office of pastor can at the same time be a member of a local congregation in which he regularly worships and of which he is not part.

Question No. 2

The second question of the paper has three parts, to which we offer the following answers.

a. "Is it contrary to our Book of Church Government for a teaching elder to become a member of a local congregation, etc. .?"

Answer: Yes. The Book of Church Government, 3:3, page 234 categorically states: "The pastor is a member of presbytery and not of the congregation."

b. "Could a teaching elder under certain circumstances be a member of a local congregation where he worships regularly and is not a pastor of a congregation?"

Answer: To make it possible for a teaching elder to become also a member of a local congregation "under certain circumstances," would require that Synod revise the rule quoted above from our Book of Church Government, p. 234, "the pastor is a member of presbytery and not of the congregation."

We view the question as one of pragmatic expediency rather than conformity to Scripture or to principles of Presbyterian church government. However, such a change would likely raise many theoretical and practical problems. One real problem, it would seem to us, might arise where a former pastor worships regularly with his former congregation. Another problem is raised in the next question.

c. "Does membership of a teaching elder in Presbytery preclude his membership in a congregation where he worships but is not a pastor?"

This is but one of many other complicated questions which would arise if the church revised the present rule, "The pastor is a member of presbytery and not of the congregation."

Ruling elders are members of the congregation and under the oversight of session, and only occasionally if elected delegate do they become also members of Presbytery. The logic of equality of teaching and ruling elder in the courts would therefore seem to permit a teaching elder under certain circumstances to be also a member of the congregation as well as Presbytery, but there are the following considerations which may bear on the problem:

- (1) Ordination of both teaching elder and ruling elder is permanent unless terminated by censure or death. (C. G. 5:10, p. 243)
- (2) Ministers with no pastoral charge now remain members only of their Presbytery and continue to retain their special privileges and powers bestowed on them by ordination to the ministry. (Book of Discipline, 5:5, p. 291)
- (3) After elders are excused from the exercise of their office as members of the session they remain permanently members of the congregation but do not thereafter become

members of Presbytery. By this analogy would not the teaching elder who became a member of a congregation not also need to surrender his special ministerial functions and membership in Presbytery? (C. G. 5:11, p. 244)

(4) Logically, then, the present rule, "The pastor is a member of Presbytery but not the congregation," would seem to fit in well with the Scriptural pattern of a permanent distinction between the two offices of teaching and ruling elder. Whether a dual membership on the part of a teaching elder in both Presbytery and the local congregation would violate that fine distinction, your Committee cannot decide.

Conclusions

A. We consider the question raised by Paper Number Two one of expediency which is to be solved in accord with that statement in the Confession of Faith, Chapter I, paragraph 6b, "...that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed."

B. We therefore rule that it is not wise to change the custom of our church in this respect so we reaffirm the statement in the Book of Church Government which says: "The pastor is a member of presbytery and not of the congregation."

PAPER SEVEN

Paper Number Seven by five members of this Synod considers the question of faulty translations in *Today's English Version* and in other versions and paraphrases. Several errors were alleged of which the most serious, perhaps, was that TEV publishes heresy. Such allegations deserve the earnest attention of an examination by the Synod.

Your committee in the space of time allowed at Synod could not make any thing more than a cursory examination of TEV. We have made no attempt to critically evaluate the other versions mentioned. We believe there is substance to the allegations made in Paper Number Seven concerning TEV. The full implications of this we cannot determine at this time.

Paper Number Seven notes that Synod ruled in 1955 that it should furnish "information and warning where error is found" in certain paraphrases. We believe this ruling can be applied in consideration of TEV.

Your committee recognizes that the TEV is not all that we could wish it to be. Some of the defects mentioned in Paper Number Seven may well be present in TEV. We further believe that TEV has the merit of being a means of communicating the Gospel. We therefore

believe that it should be used as all other versions are used with due attention to their faults and with caution.

We believe that it is contrary to the traditions of the church to endorse certain versions of Scripture and to prescribe others. Rather we believe that it is in keeping with past practice to urge care in the use of any translation or paraphrase of the Scripture.

Recommendations

1. That all ministers, teachers and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church avoid the indiscriminate use and recommendation of *Today's English Version* (TEV).
2. That those who find errors in the TEV make known their findings.
3. That any who find errors in the TEV communicate their findings to the American Bible Society.
4. That all ministers, teachers and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church use any version or paraphrase of the Scripture with prayerful caution.

(S.E. Boyle as signer of Paper Number Seven disqualified himself from action on the Paper.)

PAPER NINE

This paper from a member of this Court asks concerning the disposal of the case of certain persons who were found by the Synod of 1965 to be guilty of insubordination.

In 1965 Synod declared that disciplinary action should be stayed until our answer could be given to the San Diego pastor on the issue of political dissent. The action of the Synod of 1967 in adopting the Report of the Special Committee on Political Dissent might reasonably be considered as an answer to these questions.

The Judicial Committee of 1965 Synod declared that the expression "due subordination in the Lord" in our Terms of Communion "does not permit a member, for conscience' sake, to knowingly violate the law and order of the church and expect to be free from censure by the church courts." (1965 Minutes of Synod, p. 76) It was the judgment of that year's Synod that these eight members of the San Diego Congregation who voted had been insubordinate to the courts of the church and are subject to the discipline of the church. It is the view of your present committee that this judgment was justified.

The fundamental issue in this case is not what law was broken, but that there was a breaking of the law. It is our judgment, therefore, that the change in the interpretations regarding political dissent made subsequent to the time of insubordination are immaterial and irrelevant. At this late date it is our opinion that no exercise of discipline in the cases of the eight San Diego members is indicated, but that the Synod recognize that there was need for action at that time (1965).

(S.E. Boyle disqualifies himself from action on Paper Number Nine)

PAPER TEN

The inquiry of Paper Number Ten from two members of this Synod concerns the question of our church's acceptance of the ordination to the office of elder by evangelical denominations other than our own.

Your committee believes that the same rule now followed for receiving ministers from other denominations should also be applied to ruling elders received from another denomination, who by profession of their acceptance of our terms of communion have been received as members of a Covenanter congregation.

We rule that re-ordination to the eldership is not required if the ordination was performed by an evangelical denomination.

Thus the rule for an elder received from another evangelical denomination would follow the rule applied when an elder from another Covenanter congregation transfers his membership to a local congregation by letter. He must be elected by the congregation and installed there as elder before he becomes a member of the session, but he is not re-ordained.

As for the other question raised by this paper regarding the elder from another denomination who is not yet a member of the session assisting in passing the elements during the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we consider this a matter of local custom on which there is no clear guidance in Scripture nor any specific rule in our subordinate standards. More study may be needed to determine whether or not ordained Covenanter elders or pastors visiting in a congregation but not members of the local session would be asked to assist in the distribution of the elements in the Lord's Supper, but your Committee now does not see any objection to the practice.

(H. E. McKelvey disqualifies himself from action on this paper.)

PAPER TWELVE

Paper Number Twelve was received from Orlando congregation and approved by Ohio-Illinois Presbytery for transfer to Synod. This paper asks that Synod clarify the Book of Church Government, Chapter III, paragraph 13 on page 238 by adding at line seven before "membership" the word "resident." It would then read: "*Unless otherwise specified in the charter, one fourth of the resident membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business, but no business vitally affecting the welfare of the congregation should be transacted without the presence of at least one half of the RESIDENT members.*"

The addition of the word "resident" would, in our judgment, remove the difficulty. Many congregations have difficulty getting a quorum on vitally important matters such as election of elders and deacons if one half of the whole enrolled membership is necessary. We therefore recommend that the request of this paper be granted, and that Synod approve the addition of "resident" in line 7 of page 238 of the Constitution, before the word "membership," and that

this proposed change be submitted by the Clerk in overture to the sessions of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. McMillan
H. B. Harrington
H. E. McKelvy
E. H. McBurney
S. E. Boyle, Chairman

The Report of the Graduate Study Fund Committee was received as follows:

**Report Of The Graduate Study Fund Committee
June 1968**

Your committee respectfully reports that three applicants' applications for loans were approved this past year.

E. A. Robson continued his graduate studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Wayne R. Spear attended Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., and anticipates completion of a Master's program in August. He has been accepted as a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree program in the Graduate School of the University of Pittsburgh beginning September 1, 1968. This program is in a cooperative Graduate Program in the Study of Religion in which the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers part of the work, and the degree is granted by the University. James R. Carson attended the Narramore Christian Foundation, Pastor's Course in Counseling, February, 1968.

The Fund is committed to the continuing graduate program of Wayne R. Spear through 1969-70.

The fund balance, June 1, 1968	\$ 769.15
In Temporary Investments June 1, 1968	2,756.49

Respectfully submitted,
S. Bruce Willson, Chairman
Edwin C. Clarke
Kenneth G. Smith

The Committee to canvass the overture sent down by last Synod reported that since two-thirds of the sessions and a majority of the elders have voted in support of the overture, the overture is declared to be passed and becomes the law and order of the church. Following is the change made by the overture:

1. *Book of Church Government* chapter five, section eleven, pages 243, 244. After the sentence "A resignation may be presented to the session.", this sentence is to be inserted: *Elders may be*

elected for limited terms of service in accordance with the provisions as determined by Synod.

2. *Book of Church Government* chapter five, section fifteen, page 245. After the sentence "The board of deacons may request the session for an increase of its members, or the congregation may petition the session for such an election.", this sentence is to be inserted: *Deacons may be elected for a limited term of service as provided in Chapter five, section eleven, page 244, for elders.*

Synod extended the time to 9:30 p.m.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1-7 were adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

The Report Of The Finance Committee

The committee, in the discharge of its duties, met to consider the following items.

1. Salary increases recommended by certain boards were as follows:
 - a. By the Board of Trustees for the Church Treasurer.
 - b. By the Board of Christian Education for the Director.
 - c. By the Witness Committee for the Field Secretary of the C.A.M.
 - d. By the Board of Publications for the Editor of the Covenanter Witness.
 - e. By the Seminary Board for the Professors.

We recommend that the following salary increases be granted:

	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Housing</i>
Wylie Daugherty	from 4700	+ 1200	to 5000	+ 1400
S. Bruce Willson	from 6000	+ 1500	to 5750	+ 2500
Clark Copeland	from 5200	+ 1500	to 4900	+ 2500
Roy C. Fullerton	from 5300	+ 1500	to 4900	+ 2500
Chester R. Fox	from 7000	+ none	to 7600	+ none
S. E. Boyle	from 5200	+ 1500	to 7800	+ none
Ken Smith	from 5600	+ 1500	to 6000	+ 1600

New salaries of Mr. Fox and Dr. Boyle were made retroactive to January 1, 1968.

2. The Financial Reports of the Treasurer of the Reformed Presbyterian Church were reviewed by our Committee.
3. The matter of showing appreciation to the Rev. John Gault for his weekly comments on the Sabbath School lessons was con-

sidered. We would recommend that Synod express our appreciation to the Rev. John Gault by an honorarium of \$500.00 to be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund.

We also recommend that the Moderator of Synod send a letter of appreciation to Rev. Gault for his years of voluntary service to the church.

4. We would recommend the following actions on the report of the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study:

a. We recommend the travel and other necessary expenses of Rev. L. E. Kilpatrick and Rev. John White in their attendance at the RES at Amsterdam be paid from the Miscellaneous Fund.

b. We recommend that the travel, telephone and postage expenses of the meeting at Washington, Iowa be paid from the Miscellaneous Fund.

5. Inasmuch as the actions of this report have drawn heavily upon the Miscellaneous Fund we would recommend that the following bequest be placed in the Miscellaneous Fund:

John L. Wright Estate \$500.00

6. We would recommend that the sale price of the Minutes of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church be raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

7. The Financial Report of the Treasurer of the Covenanter Witness was reviewed by our Committee.

8. That the expenses of the Long Range Planning Committee amounting to travel of \$32.40 and telephone and postage of \$6.92 be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund.

James Pennington

John Edgar

Ernest McKeown

Ralph E. Henderson

Robert McFarland, Chairman

Report Of The Treasurer Of The Synod Of The Reformed Presbyterian Church Of North America

January 1, -- December 31, 1967

DEPARTMENTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Geneva College	602,998.20
Foreign Missions	144,984.32
Syrian Mission	14,797.83
China Mission	15,992.78
Theological Seminary	117,270.22

Students Aid	17,500.00
Pension Plan	42,000.00
Southern Mission	15,725.24
Home Mission	88,228.93
Indian Mission	4,138.54
Jewish Mission	2,333.32
Witness Work	2,883.34
Aged Peoples Home	75,296.90
Board of Church Erection	3,400.00
Widows and Orphans	28,181.84
Board of Publications	13,540.61
Ministerial Relief	<u>55,859.58</u>

1,245,131.65

TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

Balance January 1, 1967	72,296.58
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Receipts

McCrea Estate	834.72
Home Mission, Church Extension	10,852.87
New Congregation, California	1,686.83
Graduate Study Fund	<u>80.29</u>
	<u>13,454.71</u>
	85,751.29

Disbursements

McCrea Estate	9,500.00
Home Mission, Church Extension	10,000.00
Theological Seminary	155.18
Students Aid	90.00
Oath Committee	<u>600.00</u>
	<u>20,345.18</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>65,406.11</u>

Which Belongs To The Following

McCrea Estate	10,925.68
Home Mission, Church Extension	13,470.37
Southern Mission	14,309.67
Graduate Study Fund	2,756.49
Theological Seminary	5,172.86
Students Aid	3,000.00
Board of Church Erection	1,030.00
Oath Committee	1,460.00
New Congregation, California	<u>13,281.04</u>

65,406.11

GENERAL MORTGAGE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	108,553.69
Payments on Account	<u>4,859.82</u>
Balance December 31, 1967....	<u><u>103,693.87</u></u>

GENERAL MORTGAGE INTEREST ACCOUNT

Receipts, Income from Mortgages.....	6,737.94
Disbursements, to Gross Income Account	6,737.94

GENERAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	1,191,686.77
Receipts, Securities Account No. 2 ...	<u>34,368.43</u>
Disbursements, Securities Sold	<u>1,226,055.20</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u><u>400.00</u></u>
	<u><u>1,225,655.20</u></u>

DIVIDENDS GENERAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES ACCOUNT

Receipts, Dividends	121,256.14
Disbursements	
To Securities Account No. 2	25.46
To McCartney Library Interest Account	144.00
To Gross Income Account	<u>121,086.68</u>
	<u>121,256.14</u>

DAVID GREGG SECURITIES ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	156,473.14
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>156,473.14</u>

David Gregg Profit and Loss Account

Balance January 1, 1967	1,660.54
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>1,660.54</u>

David Gregg Income Account

Receipts, Dividends	19,425.71
Disbursements, To Gross Income Account	19,425.71

DAVID GAILEY SECURITIES ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	75,812.13
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>75,812.13</u>

David Gailey Profit and Loss Account

Balance January 1, 1967	16,715.83
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>16,715.83</u>

David Gailey Income Account

Receipts, Dividends	6,903.91
Disbursements, to Gross Income Account	6,903.91

GENEVA COLLEGE SECURITIES ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	413,249.81
Receipts, 343 Shares of Smith, Kline & French Lab.	<u>17,407.25</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>430,657.06</u>

Geneva College Securities Income Account

Receipts, Dividends	1,692.97
Disbursements, To Geneva College	1,692.97

JAYNE MARJORIE LEMKER SMITH SECURITIES

Balance January 1, 1967	123,710.23
Receipts, Fractional Share, Monsanto Co.	<u>5.97</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>123,716.20</u>

Jayne Marjorie Lemker Smith Income Account

Balance January 1, 1967	16.25
Receipts, Dividends from Securities ...	<u>3,773.12</u>
	3,789.37

Disbursements

Mrs. Cecil J.B. McLaughlin	3,562.03
To Gross Income Account, Service Charge	<u>227.34</u>
	3,789.37

DR. GEORGE M. AND AGNES LYMAR REED INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts, Dividends	2,709.46
Disbursements, To Geneva College	2,709.46

GENERAL INVESTMENT SECURITIES ACCOUNT NO. 2

Balance January 1, 1967	34,368.43
Securities Purchased	<u>6,210.00</u>
	40,578.43
Disbursements, To General Investments Securities Account	<u>34,368.43</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>6,210.00</u>

General Investment Securities Account No. 2 Income Account

Receipts, Dividends	160.17
Disbursements, To Gross Income Account	160.17

GROSS INCOME ACCOUNT**Receipts**

Interest and Dividends	165,562.21
From Contingent Account	<u>6.53</u>
	165,568.74
Disbursements, To Sundry Accounts ..	165,568.74

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	185,071.38
Disbursements, To Gross Income Account	<u>6.53</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ..	<u>185,064.85</u>

CASH ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	21,787.93
Receipts	<u>424,676.19</u>
Disbursements	<u>446,464.12</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ..	<u>29,279.76</u>

OFFICE EXPENSE**Receipts**

Gross Income Account	12,580.94
From Geneva College	<u>2,715.95</u>
	15,296.89

Disbursements

Salaries	11,296.64
Rent	1,647.00
Auditor	575.00
Office Supplies	185.97
Telephone	155.68
Social Security	488.42
Delegate to Synod	25.00
Rental, Safety Deposit Box	45.00
Office Equipment	371.18
Surety Bond	177.00
Postage	40.00
Wallstreet Journal	26.00
Pension Plan	<u>264.00</u>

15,296.89

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Receipts, Share of Synod's Budget	2,109.30
Disbursements, Joseph Copeland, Treasurer	<u>2,108.50</u>
Balance December 31, 196780

HOME MISSION

Balance January 1, 1967	33,030.84
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Receipts

Share of Synod's Budget	14,418.00
From Southern Mission Supplement	2,499.96
From Indian Mission Supplement	2,598.30
From Marion Mission, Housing	169.00
Dividend from Endowment Fund	12,558.52
Dividend from Gregg Fund	5,536.30
Miscellaneous	<u>16.37</u>
	<u>37,796.45</u>
	70,827.29

Disbursements

To Marion Mission, Housing	1,014.00
Travel Expense, Board Members	689.26
Office Expense and Supplies	29.05
Community House	25.00
Committee to Visit Lawrence Mission .	206.22
Lawrence Mission Salary	2,250.00
Lawrence Mission Repairs	700.00
Wichita Congregation	600.00
Marion L. McFarland, Moving	250.00
Miscellaneous	23.00

Supplements:

Iowa Presbytery	5,102.22
Mid-West Presbytery	9,839.67
Ohio-Illinois Presbytery	2,499.96
Pittsburgh Presbytery	4,200.02
St. Lawrence Presbytery	<u>5,710.56</u>

27,352.4333,138.96

Balance December 31, 1967	<u>37,688.33</u>
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KENTUCKY MISSION

Balance January 1, 1967	9,210.53
Disbursements, Home Mission Board of Church Extension	<u>9,210.53</u>

INDIAN MISSION

Balance OVERDRAWN January 1, 1967 (458.77)

Receipts

Share of Synod's Budget	4,005.00
Rent	25.00
From McCrea Estate	4,500.00
Dividends from Endowment Fund	589.15
Miscellaneous	<u>12.39</u>
	<u>9,131.54</u>

Disbursements

To Home Mission Board Supplement	2,598.30
Pulpit Supplies	385.00
Mission Expense	450.00
Automobile Expense	115.10
Insurance, Buildings	48.03
Repairs, Church Roof	665.00
Travel Expense	<u>185.00</u>
	<u>4,446.43</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>4,226.34</u>

SOUTHERN MISSION

Balance January 1, 1967 7,800.68

Receipts

Women's Synodical Missionary Society	3,520.00
Memorial, Rosamond Aikin	100.00
Gifts	20.00
Designated Collections	392.75
Dividend from Endowment Fund	2,238.30
Dividend from Gregg Fund	1,230.30
Dividend from Carlisle Fund	1,012.60
Interest from Temporary Investments	<u>429.29</u>
	<u>8,943.24</u>
	<u>16,743.92</u>

Disbursements

To Home Mission Board Supplement	2,499.96
Salaries	3,520.00
Daily Vacation Bible School	200.00
Automobile Insurance	140.00
Social Security	154.88
Pension Plan	<u>48.60</u>
	<u>6,563.44</u>

Balance December 31, 1967	<u>10,180.48</u>
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MARION MISSION

Receipts, From Home Mission Board-Housing	1,014.00
Disbursements	
Housing	845.00
To Home Mission Board	<u>169.00</u>
	<u>1,014.00</u>

JEWISH MISSION

Balance January 1, 1967	1,189.48
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Receipts

Mortgage (Paid in Full)	349.22
Dividend from Endowment Fund	<u>332.08</u>
	<u>681.30</u>
Disbursements, Home Mission Board of Church Extension	1,870.78
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>1,250.00</u>
	<u>620.78</u>

LAWRENCE MISSION

Receipts

From Home Mission Board	2,250.00
Contributions	<u>259.65</u>
	<u>2,509.65</u>

Disbursements

Marion L. McFarland	2,250.00
Martha McKinney, Treasurer	<u>259.65</u>
	<u>2,509.65</u>

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Balance January 1, 1967	1,062.80
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Receipts

Share of Synod's Budget	16,465.00
Contributions	35.90
Sale of Bible Readers and Studies	598.75
Sale of Kits	901.85
Miscellaneous Publications	871.80
Postage	83.80
Miscellaneous Income	75.68
Field Work	262.34
Goal Post	225.25
Sale of Equipment	<u>65.00</u>

19,585.37
20,648.17

Disbursements

Salaries	10,958.76
Housing, Director	1,200.00
Insurance, Secretary	81.92
Social Security	231.35
Rent	885.00
Utilities	132.50
Telephone	324.02
Supplies	1,579.83
Petty Cash	1,136.99
Expense, Director	372.07
Miscellaneous Publications	1,210.61
Field Work	736.57
Bible Readers and Studies	556.10
Pension Plan	162.00
Board Travel and Expense	2,000.00
Interest, OVERDRAFT	178.20
National C.Y.P.U. Staff	320.35
Summer Training Program	1,375.00
Equipment	428.80
Promotion	39.88
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>36.37</u>
	<u>23,946.32</u>
Balance OVERDRAWN December 31, 1967	<u>(3,298.15)</u>

CURRICULUM FUND

Balance January 1, 1967	863.84
Receipts, Contributions	<u>3,513.35</u>
	<u>4,377.19</u>
Disbursements, Great Commission Publication Co.	<u>3,750.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>627.19</u>

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Balance January 1, 1967	9,869.64
Receipts	

Synod's Budget	10.00
Dividend, Endowment Fund	<u>7,951.11</u>
	<u>7,961.11</u>
Disbursements, Pension Payments	<u>17,830.75</u>
	<u>6,750.00</u>

Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>11,080.75</u>
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WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Balance January 1, 1967	6,150.69
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Receipts

Synod's Budget	5,785.00
Dividend from Gregg Fund	1,230.30
Dividend from Endowment Fund	<u>4,011.43</u>
	<u>11,026.73</u>

Disbursements, Pension Payments	<u>17,177.42</u>
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Balance December 31, 1967	<u>12,260.00</u>
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Balance December 31, 1967	<u>4,917.42</u>
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PENSION PLAN

Balance January 1, 1967	27,409.88
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Receipts

Assessments	11,439.46
Proceeds, Don Robb Policy	1,729.57
Proceeds, Paul Mathew's Policy	1,283.56
Refund, Robert More	174.65
Dividend, Endowment Funds	<u>5,978.28</u>
	<u>20,605.52</u>
	<u>48,015.40</u>

Disbursements

Presbyterian Ministers' Fund, Premium	9,278.51
Pension Payments	1,740.00
To Investment Account	9,938.03
To Miscellaneous Account, Travel Fund	98.50
Donald I. Robb, Proceeds Policy	432.39
Paul Mathews, Proceeds Policy	320.89
Supplies	<u>18.36</u>
	<u>21,826.68</u>

Balance December 31, 1967	<u>26,188.72</u>
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PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	50,797.88
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Receipts

Dividend-Investors Mutual Fund	2,248.74
Dividend-United Science Fund	815.88
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn.	5,000.00
Public Service Electric and Gas	<u>4,938.03</u>

	<u>13,002.65</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 . . .	<u>63,800.53</u>

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION

Balance January 1, 1967	20,946.71
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Receipts

Payments on Loans:

Midwest Presbytery	
(Wichita)	1,100.00
Marion Congregation	4,000.00
Geneva Congregation	1,500.00
Walton Congregation	1,000.00
New Alexandria	
Congregation	1,000.00
Topeka Congregation	1,200.00
Third Philadelphia	
Congregation	4,100.00
Indianapolis Congregation	1,500.00
Phoenix Congregation	1,230.00
Coldenham Congregation .	500.00
Montclair Congregation . .	756.17
Lawrence Congregation . .	600.00
Fresno Congregation	600.00
Quinter Congregation	300.00
Hetherton Congregation ..	550.00
Hebron Congregation	420.00
Manchester Congregation .	600.00
Selma Congregation	505.00
Foreign Mission Board . . .	1,500.00
E. C. Copeland	<u>203.04</u>

23,164.21

Balance, Sale, Cincinnati

Church Property	4,691.68
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On Account, Sale, Winnipeg

Church Property	3,278.83
Share of Synod's Budget	1,780.00
John L. Wright Estate	247.01
Interest from Loans	242.94
Dividend from Gregg Account	1,230.30
Dividend from Endowment Fund . . .	483.96
Interest from Temporary Investments .	<u>30.90</u>

35,149.83

56,096.54

Disbursements

Orlando Congregation	8,000.00
Selma Congregation	4,000.00
Beaver Area Congregation	4,000.00
White Lake Camp, Inc.....	<u>5,000.00</u>
	<u>21,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>35,096.54</u>

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Balance January 1, 1967	8,396.16
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Receipts

Share of Synod's Budget	16,465.00
Ella R. Adams Annuity	500.00
Mrs. E. R. McLaughlin	1,000.00
Tuition and Fees	415.50
Gifts	433.25
Dining Club	1,546.60
Telephone Calls	156.93
From Students Aid	2,000.00
Photocopier Income	5.60
Synodical Womens' Missionary Society, Special Project	300.00
Board of Christian Education, Equipment	50.00
Housing, Pastor' Refresher Course	100.00
Interest, Wilmoth Fund	124.19
Interest, Temporary Investments	310.36
Dividend, Gregg Fund	1,230.30
Dividend, Endowment Funds	15,537.69
Refunds:	
Spear Salary	38.50
Tape Recorder	50.00
Insurance	<u>15.00</u>
	103.50
Miscellaneous	<u>77.50</u>
	<u>40,356.42</u>
	<u>48,752.58</u>

Disbursements

Salaries:	
Faculty	15,799.92
Housing	3,600.00
Teaching Replacement	2,576.65
Teaching Replacement Housing	666.65

Staff	<u>6,827.15</u>	
		29,470.37
Graduate Study Expense:		
Salary	4,549.92	
Housing	<u>1,050.00</u>	
		5,599.92
Utilities:		
Gas	1,198.72	
Electric	933.34	
Water	124.06	
Telephone	519.94	
Allegheny Co. Sanitary Auth.	<u>43.50</u>	
		2,819.56
Equipment and Office Supplies	806.49	
Furniture and Fixtures	613.84	
To Library Account	1,000.00	
To Petty Cash Account	250.00	
Travel	317.35	
Dining Allowance	137.91	
Dining Club	932.06	
Insurance	324.56	
Cleaning and Supplies	252.47	
Social Security	306.33	
Interest on OVERDRAFT	394.10	
Speakers	15.00	
Night Watchman	120.00	
Pensions	1,150.00	
Maintenance, Building and Grounds . . .	2,895.47	
Moving, Wayne Spear	864.86	
Publicity	92.88	
Public Address System	245.65	
Miscellaneous	<u>141.65</u>	
		48,750.47
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>2.11</u>	

SEMINARY ANNIVERSARY FUND
Receipts

Ford Foundation	3,800.00	
Contributions	<u>831.25</u>	
		4,631.25
Disbursements		
To Seminary Endowment Fund	4,610.90	

Zax Corporation, Sign	10.35
Secretary Expense	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>4,631.25</u>

SEMINARY CHARTER FUND

Balance January 1, 1967	265.22
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>265.22</u>

SEMINARY LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	728.77
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Receipts

From Seminary Current Account	1,000.00
Tuition and Fees	330.59
Gifts	388.26
Synodical Womens' Missionary Society	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>2,218.85</u>
	2,947.62

Disbursements

Books and Magazines	1,493.49
Supplies	105.25
Microfilm	457.50
Cabinet	125.00
Miscellaneous	<u>11.25</u>
	<u>2,192.49</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>755.13</u>

SEMINARY ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 1967	104,558.45
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Receipts

From Seminary Anniversary Fund	4,610.90
R. C. Fullerton	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>4,710.90</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>109,269.35</u>

MILNE-MCQUISTON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 1967	8,000.87
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>8,000.87</u>

MILNE-MCQUISTON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	1,331.60
Receipts, Dividends	<u>1,138.72</u>

Balance December 31, 1967	2,470.32
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**SEMINARY RESTRICTED SCHOLARSHIP INVESTED FUND
(DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK)**

Balance January 1, 1967	8,189.59
Receipts, Interest	372.68
	8,562.27
Disbursements, To Seminary Current Account	124.19
Balance December 31, 1967	8,438.08

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PENSION PLAN

Balance January 1, 1967	1,457.80
Receipts	

2% Faculty Salaries	316.00
Interest	65.60
	381.60

Balance December 31, 1967	1,839.40
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SEMINARY SECURITIES ACCOUNT

Receipts

From Union National Bank-Florence O'Neill Tibby Bequest:

75 Shares American T & T Co.	3,564.85
130 Shares Duquesne Light Co.	3,347.50
75 Shares General Electric Co.	6,145.31
368 Shares General Motors Co.	16,468.00
83 Shares Gulf Oil Corp.	2,261.70
100 Shares Sears, Roebuck, and Co. . . .	2,853.13
105 Shares Texaco Inc.	3,850.57
100 Shares United States Steel Co. . . .	8,106.25
U.S. Treasury Bonds 5%	8,050.46

Balance December 31, 1967	54,647.77
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**SEMINARY SECURITIES-TIBBY BEQUEST
INCOME ACCOUNT**

Receipts

From Union National Bank	1,943.38
U.S. Treasury Bonds	200.00
Gulf Oil Co.	53.95
General Motors Corp.	460.00
U.S. Steel Co.	60.00
Texaco Co.	78.75
Duquesne Light Co.	53.95
American T & T	45.00

Sears, Roebuck, and Co.	45.00
Balance December 31, 1967	2,940.03

STUDENTS AID

Balance January 1, 1967	4,049.64
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Receipts

Synod's Budget	10.00
Interest, Temporary Investments	180.00
Dividend, From Endowment Funds	2,490.95
	2,680.95
	6,730.59

Disbursements

To Seminary Current Account	2,000.00
Students	2,025.00
Field Work	100.00
Counseling Service	332.68
	4,457.68
Balance December 31, 1967	2,272.91

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Theological Seminary	109,269.35
Milne-McQuiston Scholarship Fund ...	8,000.87
Students Aid	17,500.00
	134,770.22

SUMMARY OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND STUDENTS AID FUNDS

Balance of all Funds January 1, 1967	14,506.17
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Receipts

Current Account	40,356.42
Anniversary Fund	4,631.25
Library Fund	2,218.85
Students Aid	2,680.95
Milne-McQuiston Scholarship, Interest...	1,138.72
Tibby Bequest, Income Account	2,940.03
	53,966.22
	68,472.39

Disbursements

Current Account	48,750.47
Anniversary Fund	4,631.25
Library Fund	2,192.49
Students Aid	4,457.68

		60,031.89
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>8,440.50</u>

SYNODICAL GRADUATE STUDY FUND

Balance January 1, 1967		3,404.49
Receipts, E. C. Copeland		<u>181.32</u>
		3,585.81

Disbursements

E. C. Copeland		541.66
Wayne Spear		675.00
E. A. Robson		<u>600.00</u>
		1,816.66
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>1,769.15</u>

UNDESIGNATED BUDGET

Balance January 1, 1967		221.45
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Receipts

Contributions		116,745.52
John L. Wright Estate		<u>1,976.11</u>
		118,721.63
		118,943.08

Disbursements

Discount, Canadian Checks		132.98
To Sundry Accounts		<u>118,353.53</u>
		118,486.51
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>456.57</u>

COVENANTER WITNESS

Receipts, Share of Synod's Budget		12,460.00
Disbursements, To Covenanter Witness		<u>12,465.00</u>
Balance OVERDRAWN December 31, 1967		(5.00)

TEMPERANCE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967		371.19
Receipts, Contributions		<u>249.42</u>
		620.61
Disbursements		
Dues		30.00
Expense, Delegate		<u>60.00</u>
		90.00

Balance December 31, 1967	<u>530.61</u>
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OATH COMMITTEE

Balance January 1, 1967	1,266.80
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Receipts

Contributions	25.00
From Temporary Investments	600.00
Interest, Temporary Investments	<u>61.80</u>
	<u>686.80</u>
	<u>1,953.60</u>

Disbursements

Goss and Vining, Attorneys	1,358.05
L. C. Kerr, Treasurer	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>1,858.05</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>95.55</u>

WITNESS COMMITTEE

Balance January 1, 1967	14,230.95
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Receipts

Share of Synod's Budget	5,690.00
From Psalm Recording Account	1,000.00
Refund, C A M	1,370.86
Deputation, Boyle	474.12
From C A M Radio Fund	646.17
Dividend from Endowments	<u>410.37</u>
	<u>9,591.52</u>
	<u>23,822.47</u>

Disbursements

Salaries	12,940.39
Printing	388.60
Rent	470.00
Telephone	143.79
Magnetic Sound, Tapes	208.00
Social Security	528.67
Penna. Unemployment Fund	66.63
Deputation, Boyle	250.00
Pacific Coast Presbytery	900.00
George Heid Productions, Tapes	1,436.49
Legal Service	35.00
Pension Plan	282.00
Miscellaneous	<u>41.00</u>

		17,690.57
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>6,131.90</u>
C. A. M. RADIO FUND		
Receipts, Contributions		646.17
Disbursements, To Witness Committee		<u>646.17</u>
PSALM RECORDING		
Balance January 1, 1967		1,165.79
Receipts, From Sale of Records		<u>648.90</u>
		1,814.69
Disbursements		
Gateway Recording	150.00	
To Witness Committee	1,000.00	
Postage	10.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>5.00</u>	
		<u>1,165.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>649.69</u>
MINUTES OF SYNOD		
Receipts, Sale of 721 copies		1,082.15
Disbursements		
Printing 750 Copies	1,355.13	
Editing Minutes	155.00	
Postage	<u>14.50</u>	
		<u>1,524.63</u>
Balance OVERDRAWN December 31, 1967		<u>(442.48)</u>
CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FUND		
Balance January 1, 1967		211.38
Receipts		
Sale of Communicants Class	11.35	
Sale of Bible Truths	<u>9.50</u>	
		<u>20.85</u>
Balance December 31, 1967		<u>232.23</u>
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT		
Balance OVERDRAWN January 1, 1967		(1,862.09)
Receipts		
Share of Synod's Budget	3,115.00	
Traveling Fund	6,823.39	
Minutes of Synod Account	1,082.15	

Sale of Books	2,340.75
Sale of Dockets	38.75
Collections, 1967 Synod	273.35
Connelsville Insurance	72.00
Refund, Delegate N A E	<u>12.00</u>
	<u>13,757.39</u>
	<u>11,895.30</u>

Disbursements

Traveling Fund	7,722.00
Printing Synod's Reports	324.00
Printing Minutes of Synod	1,355.13
Editing Minutes of Synod	150.00
Postage	162.89
Reformed Ecumenical Synod	340.00
Expense, Committees	176.20
Synod's Dockets	156.00
Expense, 1967 Synod	223.85
Interchurch Correspondence Committee	274.50
Psalter Committee	285.87
Delegates	220.93
Connelsville Insurance	72.00
Stewardship Committee	85.65
N A E Budget	27.50
Catechisms	53.00
Miscellaneous	<u>102.25</u>
	<u>11,731.77</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>163.53</u>
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**FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
CURRENT ACCOUNT**

Balance OVERDRAWN January 1, 1967 (1,754.40)

Receipts

Bequests: Anna M. Johnston	867.62
Share of Synod's Budget:	
Proportionate Share	21,669.52
Designated Collections	3,867.12
Women's Synodical Missionary Society	<u>12,733.36</u>
	38,270.00

**Income from Investments:
Dividends from:**

Endowment Funds	25,019.71
Gregg Fund	6,766.62

Carlisle Fund	1,012.60
Investments	<u>1,871.63</u>
	34,670.56
Miscellaneous Income:	
Legal Service-Peponiades	
Trust	250.00
Blanche McCrea, Furlough	120.00
Synodical Women's Missionary	
Society, Fringe Benefits	2,000.00
Deputation	<u>141.29</u>
	2,511.29
Reformation Translation	
Fellowship:	
Synodical Women's Missionary	
Society, Salary	1,210.00
J. K. Robb Fund	<u>250.00</u>
	1,460.00
Pension Premiums	<u>80.55</u>
	77,860.02
	76,105.62

Disbursements

Travel Expense:	
Japan Field	1,999.61
Cyprus Field	2,413.27
E. H. McBurney, Agent	<u>2,000.00</u>
	6,412.88
Cyprus Mission:	
Salaries	22,244.75
Field Expense	<u>2,067.24</u>
	24,311.99
Japan Mission:	
Salaries	12,306.25
Field Expense	<u>6,204.73</u>
	18,510.98
Reformation Translation	
Fellowship:	
Salaries	1,210.00
Field Allowance	2,000.00
J. K. Robb Fund	<u>250.00</u>
	3,460.00
Home Base:	

Secretary Allowance	700.00
Social Security	1,396.42
Travel and Hospitality	
Expense	1,912.42
Office Expense	559.33
Delegates	85.00
Evangelical Foreign Mission	
Association, Dues ...	145.00
A.W. Smith, Outfit Allowance	550.00
Minutes of Synod, Missionaries	19.50
Miscellaneous	<u>48.50</u>

5,416.17

Training Program:

Salaries	5,500.05
Rent	475.00
Books	98.40
Travel Expense	454.21
Counseling Service	333.42
Library Fees	<u>75.00</u>

6,936.08

Miscellaneous Expense:

Tuition	3,153.21
Housing	340.00
Medical Expense	4,123.87
To Permanent Revolving Fund-	500.00
Board of Church Erection	
Account Loan	1,500.00
Furlough	1,550.00
In Lieu of Social Security .	344.30
Legal Service	250.00
Miscellaneous	8.00

Interest:

Wilmoth	236.83
Board of Church	
Erection ...	79.00

Overdraft

544.72

860.55

Pension Premium	12,629.93
	<u>1,075.08</u>
	<u>78,753.11</u>

Balance OVERDRAWN December 31, 1967 (2,647.49)

RESTRICTED FUNDS
PERMANENT REVOLVING FUND

Balance January 1, 1967	1,421.11
Receipts, from Current Account	<u>500.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>1,921.11</u>

CYPRUS BREAD OF LIFE BOOKROOM

Balance January 1, 1967	265.77
Receipts, Collections	<u>522.12</u>
	787.89
Disbursements, Union State Bank . . .	<u>584.26</u>
Balance December 31, 1967	<u>203.63</u>

FOREIGN MISSION CAR ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	948.86
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>948.86</u>

ACCOMMODATION ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	594.00
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Receipts

Japan Bookroom	608.04
Japan Bookmobile	570.00
Pennington Memorial	237.00
Mrs. W. G. Thompson Memorial	80.00
Larnaca Tuition	81.77
Nicosia Tuition	36.77
Cyprus Boys School	18.20
Cyprus Girls School	60.20
Larnaca Academy	75.00
Nicosia Academy	75.00
Cyprus Daily Vacation Bible School . .	2.00
Nicosia Daily Vacation Bible School . .	45.00
Cyprus Scholarship	150.00
Syria	32.00
Miscellaneous	6.00
Gifts to Missionaries	<u>130.00</u>
	<u>2,206.98</u>
	<u>2,800.98</u>

Disbursements

Japan Bookroom	776.04
Japan Milk Fund	25.00
Japan Daily Vacation Bible School	10.00
Screens, Tarumi Chapel	20.00
Cyprus Boys School	18.20
Cyprus Girls School	60.20
Cyprus Scholarship	150.00
Larnaca Tuition	81.77
Nicosia Tuition	36.77
Larnaca Academy	75.00
Nicosia Academy	75.00
Cyprus Daily Vacation Bible School ...	2.00
Nicosia Daily Vacation Bible School ...	45.00
To Reformation Translation Fellowship (Robb Fund)	250.00
Syria	30.00
Gifts to Missionaries	<u>189.00</u>
	<u>1,843.98</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>957.00</u>

RECAP OF BALANCES IN ALL FUNDS

Permanent Revolving Fund	1,921.11
Cyprus Bread of Life Bookroom	203.63
Foreign Mission Car Account	948.86
Accommodation Account	<u>957.00</u>
	4,030.60
Less OVERDRAFT Current Account	<u>2,647.49</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>1,383.11</u>

FOREIGN MISSION INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1967	13,148.78
Receipts, Milne Wilmoth Fund	<u>236.83</u>
Balance December 31, 1967 ...	<u>13,385.61</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
ASSETS**

Cash in Bank-Regular Account	29,279.76
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Cash in Bank-Savings Account	8,438.08
Securities (at acquisition value)	
Stocks (market value)	
4,206,963.02)	1,953,981.33
Bonds (market value)	
170,448.10)	<u>185,690.70</u>
	2,139,672.03
Mortgages Receivable	110,009.96
Prepaid Hospitalization Insurance	27.95
Real Estate, Building and	
Fixtures	112,225.00
Less: Equity in Real Estate,	
Building & Fixtures	<u>112,225.00</u>
Carrying Value	0.00
Total Assets	2,287,427.78

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Funds Allocated To:

Endowment Funds	1,410,160.38
Funds Functioning as Endowments . . .	65,406.11
Annuity Funds	69,578.32
Miscellaneous Invested Funds	106,207.72
Current Funds-Budget Organizations . . .	110,683.23
Current Funds-Non-budget Organizations	33,578.82
Current Funds-Restricted Income	
Accounts	19,263.29
Current Funds-Foreign Mission Board . .	1,383.11
Current Funds-Interest Annuity	128.82
Current Budget Collections-Undistributed	456.57
Psalm Recordings-Undistributed Income .	649.69
Curriculum Fund	627.19
Profit on Sale of Investments	100,056.46
Due for Payroll Taxes	<u>269.81</u>
Total Funds Allocated	1,918,449.52
Unallocated Funds:	
General Bequests	179,249.26
Unallocated Reserve Fund of	
Synod	189,565.47

Add: Miscellaneous	
Contingency Overage	<u>163.53</u>
	<u>189,729.00</u>
Total Funds Unallocated	<u>368,978.26</u>
Total Funds	<u>2,287,427.78</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Chester R. Fox, Treasurer

I have examined the cash receipts, cash disbursements, securities and ending account balances of the Board of Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America for the year ending December 31, 1967.

In my opinion, the accompanying statement presents fairly the Financial position of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America for the year then ended.

Chester J. Dodson
Certified Public Accountant

Synod adjourned in prayer by F. E. Allen.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 8:45 a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Friday, July 19, at 8:45 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by Robert Morrow.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The vote on the ballot presented by the Nominating Committee was made the Order of the Day at 11:00 a.m. today.

The Clerk was instructed to place the Report of the Development Committee of Geneva College in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Report of the Race Relations Committee was made the

Order of the Day at 10:30 a.m. today.

The Report of the Committee on Instrumental Music was presented and adopted and is as follows:

Instrumental Music

Effort that was made to discover pertinent material on the subject of Instrumental Music in Worship, and especially opposing its use, proved to your committee what the direction of its report ought to be. Such material is scarce, and much that is good is out of print. Rather than a scriptural study, or a discussion of the current worship situation, it was determined to present a bibliography on material relevant to the subject.

We have not been able to have in hand every source that is mentioned below. So it is not with a view to giving a favorable judgment on all listed materials that the name of the book, article, or pamphlet is mentioned. Two sources in Section I are representative of views *against* the position, and are listed simply to give the student benefit of seeing certain arguments that are presented in opposition to what we hold to be the biblical position. These are the book by Bonner and the book reference by Abraham Kuyper, who presents a somewhat philosophical argument in favor of instruments.

It is quickly recognized that the report is not exhaustive. Synod members may want to mention other sources which have not been listed, to make the bibliography more complete. A committee member called our attention to the fact that the Church of Christ sings a capella, and that they have printed materials on the subject. Footnotes in some of the books listed, which may be seen in the Seminary Library, would be a further help.

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Respectfully submitted,
George Jackson
Ernest McKeown
John McMillan
Alvin W. Smith, Jr.
J. Paul McCracken, Chairman

The Reports of the following Presbyteries and Commissions were read and adopted: Iowa, Midwest, New York, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh and St. Lawrence Presbyteries and the Cypress and Far East Commissions. They are as follows:

Report Of Iowa Presbytery

Since our last report to Synod we have held one regular meeting; and we have held three called meetings. Two of these were at Synod time. One was a special meeting at Morning Sun. Our Ad Interim Commission has held five meetings.

Five congregations are under our care. The Hopkinton members meet with Marion for worship; but Hopkinton congregation continues its organization, so as to have the use of its church building for weekday instruction classes during the school year. Marion and Sharon have settled pastors. Lake Reno and Morning Sun have, during the year, depended on supply preaching. Lake Reno made out a call for a pastor, which was declined.

Since our last report to Synod, Iowa Presbytery has lost two-thirds of its ministers. On June 20, 1967, John O. Edgar was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery; and on the same date James Pennington was transferred to Pacific Coast Presbytery. Robert Morrow was released from the pastorate of the Morning Sun congregation September 1, 1967, and was on that date transferred to Ohio-Illinois Presbytery to accept a call. Harold B. Harrington was released from the pastorate of Lake Reno on October 30, 1967, and was, on May 18,

1968, transferred to New York Presbytery to accept a call.

Three of our congregations have held or will hold Vacation Bible Schools this summer.

Our summer conference is scheduled to begin Saturday evening, August 10th, to be held at Lake Darling, southwest of Washington, Iowa, in cooperation with the Associate Presbyterian Church. Provision is to be made for Young People, Junior Highs, and Juniors.

Our statistical report has been forwarded to the stated clerk. Iowa Presbytery was represented on the Coordinating Committee by Robert B. McCracken and J. Milford Hays. Our financial agent for this meeting is J. Ralph Wilson. Our traveling fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. Robb, Clerk

Report Of Midwest Presbytery

Since our last report we have held one regular and one called meeting of Presbytery.

We have sixteen congregations and one mission station under our care. Twelve of these have regular pastors. Philip Martin is Stated Supply at Cache Creek. Eskridge meets with the Topeka Congregation. Clarinda and Park City are vacant. Marion McFarland is the worker at the Lawrence Mission Station.

During the past year we have received three new members into our Presbytery. C. E. Caskey was received by certificate from Pittsburgh Presbytery on August 30, 1967. Harold Thompson was received from Ohio-Illinois Presbytery on October 10, 1967. Raymond Hemphill was received from St. Lawrence Presbytery on May 27, 1968. Philip Martin was received from Pacific Coast Presbytery on July 16, 1968.

During the same period we have certified two of our members. Raymond P. Joseph was certified to the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery on December 5, 1967 and Glenn E. McFarland was certified to Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 1, 1968.

There have been the following changes in pastorates in our Presbytery; Marion McFarland was released from the Clarinda Congregation on June 30, 1967; Rev. Raymond P. Joseph was released from the Greeley Congregation on August 23, 1967; and Glenn E. McFarland from the Park City Congregation on March 31, 1968. David Patterson was installed pastor of the Winchester Congregation on August 23, 1967; C. E. Caskey was installed pastor of the Olathe Congregation on October 4, 1967; Raymond Hemphill was installed pastor of the Greeley Congregation on July 2, 1968. Marion McFarland began his ministry in the Lawrence Mission Station on July 1, 1967.

There are 24 ministers on our roll; twelve are pastors; one is working at Lawrence; one is editor of the Covenanter Witness; one is Stated Supply at Cache Creek; four are in secular work; two are missionaries; and three are retired, though they still serve the church as opportunity and strength permit.

Two summer camps are planned, one at Covenant Heights, which meets in the beautiful scenery of the Rocky Mountains. The dates are July 22-29. Forest Park will meet August 19-26 at Topeka, Kansas.

The Evangelism and Education Committee sponsored a Men's Rally at Hebron on May 18, 1968.

At the fall meeting of Presbytery it was voted to send a visitation team to each congregation under our care. Some of these teams have already completed their assignments.

Donald Piper and Helmar Heckel of Topeka, James Wright of Kansas City, and Charles McCalla of Clarinda are ministerial students under our care. A committee was appointed at the fall meeting of Presbytery to contact these men and increase our Presbytery's oversight.

The officers of our Presbytery are; John Tweed, Moderator; R. W. Caskey, Clerk; Robert McFarland, Treasurer. Members of the Ad Interim Commission are Paul Faris, Moderator, M. W. Dougherty, Robert McCrory, Louis Wilkey and R. W. Caskey.

Our travelling fund agent is Verd V. Dunn. Our statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Treasurer, and our members are accounted for.

Report Of The New York Presbytery

The New York Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last Synod we have held one regular meeting in Cambridge, Mass., on October 10 and 11, 1967, and one special meeting in Broomall, Pa., June 19, 1968. At the special meeting, Wm. G. Smith, an ordained minister, was received into the ministry of the R. P. Church and Harold B. Harrington was installed pastor of the Broomall Congregation.

J. Paul McCracken is our Moderator. Dr. J. R. Patterson was our Clerk until he was called to higher service March 9, 1968. George W. Price is our Clerk and Mr. Edwin H. McBurney is our Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator of our Ad Interim Commission is John M. McMillan and the Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission is James A. Beatty.

We have eight congregations under our care, five of which are without pastors. The Newburgh congregation has elected Wm. G. Smith to be their pastor. There are eight ministers on our roll, three of which are settled pastors, two are retired, one is on the mission

field in Cyprus and one is recently resigned from the pastorate, and one intends to accept the Newburgh call. Dr. M. K. Carson has ministered to the Montclair and White Lake congregations during the past year and has been named as Stated Supply at Montclair for the next 6 months.

Our presbytery's youth program centers around the White Lake Camp. The White Lake reunion was held in Walton, New York, December 28th and 29th, 1967. A full camp program is planned for this coming summer. The White Lake Junior Camp will be held from August 13th to August 23rd. The Prep-Senior and Adult Camps will be held August 23rd to September 2nd. Our Young Peoples Secretary is J. Paul McCracken.

An innovation in our camp program last year was the addition of an Adult Conference held in conjunction with the Prep-Senior Camp. This proved highly successful and a second one is planned for this August.

In our continuing effort at oversight of our congregations New York, Montclair and White Lake congregations are to be visited by presbytery's visitation committee this year. Third Philadelphia and Cambridge were visited last year.

Our representative on the coordinating committee was J. Paul McCracken. Our Financial agent for this meeting of Synod is John Ramsey. Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk. All our members are accounted for and our traveling fund has been paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Price, Clerk

Report Of The Ohio-Illinois Presbytery

The Ohio-Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report that since last Synod we have held one regular meeting in Southfield, Michigan in April, 1967. In addition, six meetings were held by the *Ad Interim* Commission, and six meetings by the Commission on Church Extension.

There are 11 congregations under our care and all have pastors. Two of our ministers, D. W. Felker and M. K. Carson, are without charges. We are happy to report that Mr. Felker is moving back into the bounds of the Presbytery, to begin teaching at Purdue University in Lafayette. We have one licentiate, Robert Templeton, and two students of theology. Mr. Ronald Homa, a member of the Indianapolis congregation, is a second year student at the seminary. On January 22, Mr. Robert Henninger, of the Indianapolis congregation, was taken under care of Presbytery as a student of theology. He has completed one semester of seminary work and will return next fall for his first

full year of study there. Robert Morrow was installed as pastor of the Belle Center congregation on September 20, 1967.

The total membership of the Presbytery is 878. Compared to 870 last year, it represents a total increase of 8. Total receipts for the 1967 calendar year were \$159,876., or \$278. per communicant member. We have adopted a budget of \$2,000. per year for church outreach; \$1,500. of which is an annual repayment to the Board of Church Erection for their loan to the new congregation in Indianapolis, and \$500. of which is to be used for the development of more new ministry. We are happy to report that both our membership and our total and our per capita giving, has increased each year since the new work began.

Our Commission on Church Extension put the new work in Lafayette under the care of Ray Joseph on January 22 of this year. There are now 12 members who have filed for corporation status under the laws of the state of Indiana, and will be petitioning Presbytery for congregational status within the next few weeks. In addition to this, new ministry is being cultivated in Muncie, Indiana, Oxford, Ohio, and Edwardsville, Illinois.

Our Young People's Secretary is Keith E. Copeland. Under his direction, we are anticipating another good family conference at Lookout Mountain, Tennessee this summer. Two conferettes were held in Indianapolis, one during the Christmas vacation, and one over the Memorial Day (500 Race) Holiday.

Our travel fund has been paid in full and our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk. Mr. John Bailey is our travel agent for this meeting of Synod. All our members are accounted for.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Blackwood, Jr.

Report Of The Pacific Coast Presbytery

The Pacific Coast Presbytery held one regular meeting at Fresno, California, February 20 and 21, 1968. The Ad Interim Commission met thirteen times during the year. The Judicial Commission entrusted with the case of Donald I. Robb reported that the case was closed and that Donald I. Robb was excommunicated on September 11, 1967. The minutes of the Judicial Commission have been turned over to Chester Fox.

We have six congregations on our roll. Four have settled pastors, one has stated supply and one is vacant. Portland Congregation was disorganized at their request by action of Presbytery February 21, 1968.

James Pennington was installed pastor of the San Diego Congregation November 4, 1967. D. Ray McCracken was released from the

pastorate of the Fresno Congregation June 10, 1968. James Pennington was released from the pastorate of the San Diego Congregation June 23, 1968. Philip Martin was certified to the Midwest Presbytery at his request, July 16, 1968.

We have 13 ministers on our roll. Four are pastors, one is stated supply, one is in translation work, one is available for preaching, two are retired and three are in secular employment. There are two students of theology under our care. Our 1968 conference is to be held at Warm Beach, Washington, August 19-26. Our officers are: Moderator, Bruce Stewart, Clerk, Lester E. Kilpatrick, Treasurer, Lewis Keys.

Presbytery supervised, through the Ad Interim Commission, Marshall Smith's appeal from his dismissal from employment by the County of San Diego, because of the oath.

Presbytery has incorporated as a non-profit corporation, looking toward the establishment of a Retirement Home in the Santa Ana area.

Our statistical report has been duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk. Our travel fund is paid in full and all our members are accounted for.

Lester E. Kilpatrick, Clerk

Report Of Pittsburgh Presbytery

The Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last report to Synod two regular meetings and one Synod meeting have been held.

There are sixteen congregations under the care of Pittsburgh Presbytery, of which twelve have settled pastors and three have had preaching by stated supply or under supervision of the Secretary of Pulpit Supplies. One congregation is facing disorganization, awaiting the disposition of its property. We have provided supply preaching for the Rimmersburg Congregation of the Associate Presbyterian Church.

There are twenty-eight ministerial members on our roll. Twelve serve as pastors; three are professors in the R. P. Theological Seminary; one is a Professor Emeritus of the Seminary; seven serve at Geneva College; one is a retired Professor of the College; one is Synod's Director of Christian Education; one is Superintendent of the Reformed Presbyterian Home in Pittsburgh, Pa.; and one is the Executive Secretary of the Christian Amendment Movement.

Joseph A. Hill was received by certificate from New York Presbytery on June 24, 1967. Glenn E. McFarland was received by certificate from Midwest Presbytery on March 13, 1968. Richard N. Olson was installed pastor of the Beaver Congregation on July 6, 1967. Young J. Son was released from the New Castle Congregation on July 5, 1967. Cloyd E. Caskey was released from the Wilkinsburg Congregation

September 15, 1967, and was certified to the Midwest Presbytery. Thomas J. Wilson was released from the Youngstown, Ohio, Congregation on October 17, 1967, and at his own request was given a letter of standing. However, this is not to be construed as Presbytery's approval of his action in transferring to the United Presbyterian Church U. S. A. Young J. Son, at his own request, was given a letter of standing on March 6, 1968. Harold B. Harrington of Iowa Presbytery served as stated supply of New Castle Congregation from October 30, 1967 to June 1, 1968. Rev. Norman McCune of Faughan Congregation, North Ireland, is serving College Hill Congregation July and August, 1968, in an exchange of pulpits with Rev. John H. White.

There are five men under the care of Pittsburgh Presbytery: Licentiate Edward A. Robson, Th.M. has completed his present study and is eligible for a call. Licentiate Dean R. Smith will spend this year under the Commission of Ohio-Illinois Presbytery in work at Indianapolis. Mr. Wayne Duffield and Mr. Lee P. Bittner III are second year students in the R. P. Theological Seminary and J. Robert Willson will enter the Seminary this fall. Mr. David Wilcox was removed from the care of Presbytery at his own request to return to Medical School.

During the year 1967 a program of presbyterial visitation of all congregations under our care was carried out. A new permanent Program for Presbyterial Visitation of Congregations was adopted, whereby four congregations will be visited each year. Also, Presbytery established a policy to include in the agenda of its regular meetings, one hour set aside for prayer for the Presbytery.

Five of our congregations are engaged in building programs. First Beaver Falls Congregation built a new sanctuary and church school and office area; Manchester Congregation is building a new sanctuary over the recently constructed educational unit; College Hill Congregation is building a new parsonage; Eastvale Congregation is building a new educational wing; and Beaver Area Congregation is securing ground for a new church building.

Dr. Samuel E. Boyle was chairman of Synod's Study Committee for the Covenanter Conference, on which nineteen members served. Four of our members attended the Regional Conference on Church Order, sponsored by the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, in Philadelphia, Pa., December 5-6, 1967.

In our Young People's program, two Psalm Sings have been held since last Synod, and another is scheduled at Rose Point Church on July 24. The spring Camp-O-Day was held April 11-13, 1968 at Camp Kon-O-Quee. Our summer conference will be held August 12-19, 1968 at Camp Stambaugh, near Youngstown, Ohio. It will have a counsellor-centered emphasis. Dr. Herbert A. Hays, assisted by Mr. Wayne Duffield, will have charge of the Junior Program. The Junior High Program will be directed by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hemphill. The Rev.

Robert A. Henning will supervise the Senior High-College Program, and Rev. Wayne Spear will conduct the Bible Study in Philippians.

The Treasurer reported the following balances, as of April 30, 1968: in the Current Account, \$598; in the Church Extension account, \$1,258; and in Invested Funds, \$2,350.

The officers of Pittsburgh Presbytery are as follows: Moderator, S. Bruce Willson; Clerk, Kermit S. Edgar; Assistant Clerk, Richard N. Olson; Treasurer, Chester R. Fox. Glenn E. McFarland is Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission. John H. White is Young People's Secretary; Robert A. Henning is Camp Manager. David R. Armstrong is Chairman of the Home Mission and Church Extension Committee; M. W. Martin is Secretary on Pulpit Supplies. James D. Carson and H. E. McKelvy are our representatives on the Coordinating Committee. M. W. Martin is our representative on the Geneva College Board of Corporators. Our financial agent is James L. Mitchell.

Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod. All our members are accounted for. Our Travel Fund has been paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
Kermit S. Edgar, Clerk

Report Of St. Lawrence Presbytery

The St. Lawrence Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod, we have held one regular meeting, one special meeting, and one meeting at Synod. The Ad Interim Commission has met several times to transact necessary business.

There are six congregations under our care; four have regular pastors; Lochiel is served by a pastor in semi-retirement; one pulpit is vacant. This congregation, Syracuse, has been granted permission to conduct communion and to make out a call when advisable.

All six congregations maintain regular morning worship and the Sabbath School, four have evening services, five have prayer meeting and youth programs. A visitation team to Syracuse conducted an extensive examination. E. R. Hemphill was released from Presbytery on May 20, 1968 and transferred to Midwest Presbytery as of that date.

There is one retired minister on our roll, F. F. Reade. On April 20, 1968, Bruce Hemphill was examined by the Presbytery and licensed to preach in our churches.

Two summer conferences -- White Lake and the St. Lawrence Family Conference -- are actively supported. A one-day Christian Education Seminar, with Rev. Charles G. Schauffele of Gordon College as featured speaker, was sponsored by the Presbytery at Syracuse. Approximately 70 persons were in attendance.

Fraternal delegates to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and

the Christian Reformed Church represented us on the presbyterial level.

The officers of our Presbytery are: Moderator, F. F. Reade; Clerk, R. W. Nickerson; Treasurer, Ralph Henderson; Y.P. Secretary, Waldo Mitchel; Chairman of Ad Interim Commission, Waldo Mitchel.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the stated clerk and our travel fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald W. Nickerson, Clerk

The Cyprus Commission

The Cyprus Commission, composed of, Rev. T. M. Hutcheson, Moderator; T. M. Edgar, Clerk; Rev. C. C. Christou, Treasurer; Euclid Panayotides Djaferis, and Kenneth Sanderson, has had 14 regular meetings and 3 special meetings during the past year. In addition to these, 3 Joint, Missionary - Commission meetings were held, for the purpose of consultation and planning, in an endeavor to implement the Foreign Mission Board's directives.

Two Communion Services were held during the past year. The first was on January 18, 1967, at which time 19 communed. The second Communion Service was held on November 24th, with 13 communing. This was during the week-end when Cyprus was expecting an invasion from Turkey at any time. For this reason some were afraid to leave their homes, and some were ill.

We have 21 members on our Cyprus R.P. Church roll, beside the ministers and missionaries. The members are listed as follows:

1. Cypriot members, 21
2. Missionaries, 7; of whom some hold their membership in the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
3. Ministers, 2, (This was prior to the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Jr. and children)
4. Baptized members, 10

It was voted to carry out a Visitation Program, by Commission, to exhort and encourage members, not in regular attendance at Services, to attend, and to endeavor to enlist their active participation in the Services, and Church Program.

The year 1967 began with an Evangelistic Rally in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanderson. During the week of January 15th through 18th, the Greek Congregation, together with the Nicosia Missionaries, joined with the Community Church, in Nicosia, for a

Our Commission plans and carries on 5 regular church services each Sabbath Day. Three Greek services are held each Sabbath morning in Larnaca, in Nicosia, and in Limassol. These services are, also, fol-

lowed by Sabbath School classes. On Sabbath evening the 2 English Services are held, one in Nicosia and one in Larnaca.

No regular meetings have been carried on in the village of Ormidhia, because Kyriakos Luka (Kattou) became married to Miss Annitsa Costa and departed for Prague, Czechoslovakia, to secure their B. S. degrees, thus leaving us without a regular translator. Some meetings were held with the help of Rev. C. C. Christou. Also, a Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the village, conducted by Miss Winnifred Wilson and three of her Evangelical students. A total of 50 pupils attended the D.V.B.S. It is hoped we can continue this witness.

Commission's effort to purchase the Fisher house, near the Nicosia Academy, to be used as a Greek Church, have proven fruitless. We continue to worship in a room of the American Academy for Girls.

Our Bread of Life Bookstore has been closed, temporarily, until a new manager can be found. Rev. C. C. Christou asked to be relieved of its management after 10 years of faithful service in the bookstore. Until December 30th, the bookroom is being kept open, as an Evangelical Center, and some books continue to be sold there.

Rev. C. C. Christou publishes, every two months, a Christian Tract, in Greek, called "The Banner of Truth" (the Blue Banner), which is sent to nearly every village in Cyprus.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Weir returned to Cyprus for our 50th Anniversary of the Track and Field sports, between the English School and the American Academy, on April 19th, 1967. A large Alumni gathering was held on the evening after the Sports Contest, honoring the Weirs.

A Christian Youth Conference was held April 7-9, in Nicosia, at which the Weirs and also Rev. Charles Chao were in attendance and spoke. Last summer, a Boy's Conference was held August 3-8 and a Girl's Conference was held August 10-15. Later, on March 29-31, a Spring Christian Youth Conference was held, in Larnaca. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanderson, are the sponsors of our youth conference work. Mr. Allen Nelson led the Conference Bible Studies. Some professions of Faith were made during these conferences.

Commission has carried on a Christian Educational Program through the American Academies, under the Principalships of Mr. T. M. Edgar and Miss Ruth Reade, with a total enrollment of approximately 900 pupils. Parents, in ever increasing numbers, come and beg us to accept their children into our schools, where they are taught the Bible daily, and the Evangelical faith. The Lord has given us "an open door", but we have to turn away from 100 to 150 pupils each year.

Our Budget was set at \$4,074.00 for the year 1967. This included the rents of all the Missionaries, and the purchase of a new mission car.

Our Limassol Church, which the Foreign Mission Board directed to rent to an interdenominational Christian group known as "The Light

and Salvation", is still under our direction, as the group were unwilling to pay any rent, and wanted a commitment from us that they would have it for at least 5 years.

The Alvin W. Smith, Jr. family arrived, in Cyprus, on January 5th, and have gotten settled in a convenient home near the Church and School. Rev. Smith has secured a Greek teacher and is concentrating on the study of Greek. We are happy to have the Smith family join our Mission group.

Messers. T. M. Hutcheson and T. M. Edgar are the Attorneys of the Board of Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

The Indenture, drawn up by the Foreign Mission Board and which provided for a six member Board of Trustees to Administer the Peponiades Trust Fund, has been formed, composed of three Missionaries and three members of the Greek R. P. Church. Due to unforeseen difficulties the Trust has not yet been registered with the Cyprus Government, enabling the body to purchase and sell property.

The Christian Corps for Cyprus program seems to be working well. The first two C.C.C. workers have completed their terms; Miss Winnifred Wilson for 4 years, and Mr. Allen Nelson for 2 years. By the time Synod meets they will be married, in Nicosia, Cyprus. They plan to spend the next two or three years studying and working in Australia.

We are looking forward to the coming of the next group of 5 C.C.C. workers to Cyprus in August.

T. M. Hutcheson, Moderator
T. M. Edgar, Clerk

Report Of The Far East Commission 1967

We give thanks for the privilege of serving Christ in Japan and praise Him for His sustaining grace. The Far East Commission would respectfully report that we have held six regular and one special meetings during the year. Planning for the preaching, the sacraments, and for the various special meetings of the churches in Kobe has been the chief work of the commission. The commission consisted of T. Masunaga, Moderator; Y. Nitta, Treasurer; and G. Spear, Clerk. Under the oversight of the commission are one organized self-supporting congregation and two mission stations.

Under the direction of the Far East Commission special evangelistic services were held at Kasumigaoka on May 12, 13. The meetings were fairly well attended and were an encouragement to the members.

The Commission sponsored the trip of Mr. Masunaga to visit Mr. Ose in Shikoku to encourage him in his evangelistic work. Mr. Ose, an elderly member of Higashi Suma Church, is in a private capacity distributing Christian literature to the homes of many living in the

country in Shikoku.

The Commission appointed a mission committee and encouraged the three congregations to work together in sending necessary things to Dr. and Mrs. Sakai of the Higashi Suma congregation who are laboring as medical missionaries in Indonesia.

Two communion services were planned and carried out by the Commission as well as a helpful Young People's Conference on Awaji Island in August and a conference for all of the members of the churches on October 10.

Plans were made to print and sell copies of *The Life of Christ in the Psalms* and it is now in the printers. Also plans were made to begin newspaper evangelism by inserting announcements and invitations to study Christianity in the newspaper.

The Commission approved the plan of Keiyaku Church to borrow money to buy a suitable site for a church in Okamoto. According to this plan the loans are to be repaid when the Rokko New Town land is sold.

The need for more missionaries and national pastors is always before us and we request your earnest prayers that God may call them. In its discussion the Commission is in agreement that the Spear family should not go home on furlough until adequate replacements have come out.

We are thankful to report that in spite of a lack of workers the regular services of all three congregations have continued with steady attendance and some growth in some areas. The members of the churches are growing in grace and are more and more sharing the work of Christ's kingdom.

The minutes of the sessions under the Far East Commission have been reviewed and nothing contrary to the law and order of the church has been found. Our statistical report and minutes are forwarded to Synod's stated clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Toshio Masunaga, Clerk
Gene W. Spear, Moderator

Item 3 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee to Study the Testimonies of the Scottish and Irish Churches - was taken up. No report was given, but the committee was continued to report to the Synod of 1969.

Item 4 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee to study the Centennial Celebration of the Covenant of 1871 - was read and adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee To Study The Centennial Celebration Of The Covenant Of 1871

Your Committee considered a number of possibilities for a proposed commemoration. We have agreed on the viewpoint that the great benefit of such a celebration would be not just the review of events surrounding the 1871 event, but the review and advancement of the truth contained in the Covenant. In this light we would therefore recommend:

1. That the Synod ask the 1970 Conference Administration to consider a centennial emphasis be included in the convention program.
2. That the Synod appoint a person or committee to prepare a Study Guide on the Covenant of 1871 for use by our congregations. This booklet should be prepared as a commemorative publication to be introduced at the 1970 Convention and distributed for use during the ensuing year.

While it is not included as a direct recommendation, it should be understood that the committee feels 1970-1971 should be considered a "study year", and that pastors should consider this in their plans for preaching. This might be noted also by the "Covenanter Witness".

Respectfully submitted,
K. G. Smith, Chairman
H. E. McKelvy

Item 5 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on the Psalter - was presented. It was taken up item by item. Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

At 10:30 the Order of the Day - The Report of the Committee on Race Relations - was presented. Claude C. Brown spoke on basic issues of the Christian's responsibilities in the civil rights movement.

At 11:00 the Order of the Day - The Vote on the vacancies on Boards and Committees presented by the Nominating Committee - was taken.

Synod recommended that the Moderator in consultation with the Committee on Interchurch Correspondance and Study appoint fraternal delegates to appropriate Reformed bodies.

The Report of the Committee on Race Relations was taken up. Recommendation 1 was laid on the table to consider the following substitute: That Section 1 of this report be committed to a special committee of Synod as a basis for study and preparation of a statement on this subject for adoption at next Synod. The substitute was adopted. Recommendations 2-5 were adopted and are as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Race Relations

2. That Synod re-affirm their decision supporting the 1964 Civil Rights Bill.
3. That Synod alert her people to the unscriptural aspects of the Civil Rights movement such as Sabbath breaking, encouragement of law breaking, plundering of property, and possible support of subversive organizations.
4. That Synod request Dr. Claude Brown to speak on the subject: "Our Synod's Relationship to the Present Civil Rights Movement".
5. That the expenses of the committee be paid.

Robert More, Jr. disqualified himself from voting on the above items.

Synod added the following item and adopted it: That Synod alert her people to the unScriptural injustices on the basis of race prejudice which prevail in this country.

Section 2 of the Report on Race Relations was adopted and is as follows:

2. The HISTORICAL ACTIONS OF OUR SYNOD are of great interest in considering any present action. In a very limited study of our action in the Field of Race Relations we find these comments:

-1800 - Our Synod excluded Slave Holders from communicant membership.

"In one day in the small community of Covenanters, at Rocky Creek, South Carolina, not less than 3,000 guineas were sacrificed upon the altar of principle, and the church then and forever cleansed her hands from the guilt of human slavery. . . Covenanters were thorough going abolitionists and established underground railroads from the South to Canada." (Glasgow's History of the Church, page 80)

-1836 - "At this meeting strong ground was taken against the sin of slavery. The Synod disapproved of the plan of the colonization society, considered as opposed to the manumission of slaves. . . It favored universal emancipation of the enslaved and disapproved of their transportation to Africa. . ." (Glasgow, page 105)

-1841 - Methods of fighting slavery:

"That our ministers and people be admonished to refuse uniting unnecessarily in associations with the erroneous and wicked, when a bond of confederation is required to be signed implying identity with such persons." (Glasgow, page 108)

-1849 Synod - "The committee asked that a remonstrance may be addressed to the principal slave holding churches. . ."

"The U. S. Constitution contains compromises with slave holding interests and guarantees the institution of slavery. . ." (Glasgow,

page 114)

-1851 Synod - concerning the Fugitive Slave Law:

"4. That those ministers of the gospel who teach the binding obligation of this law to be obeyed for conscience's sake, and the conduct of those Christians who sustain the law, hypocritically professing to love God while they hate the negroe bring reproach upon religion, encourage infidelity, and rivet still more tightly the chains of the oppressed."

"5. That it is the duty of the ministers of Christ to teach clearly that magistrates in Christian lands should yield to the authority of God's law, and that any law that is in opposition to the precepts of the Bible does not bind the conscience, and ought to be resisted by every means consistent with religion; for we must obey God rather than men." (Glasgow, page 117)

-1865 Synod -

"5. We heartily rejoice in every step which has been taken for the destruction of slavery and urge the carrying forward of the work, until every man in the nation without regard to color stands upon a perfect equality before the laws." (Glasgow, page 132)

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions of Thanks was read adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee On A Resolution Of Thanks

Be it resolved by the 1968 Synod:

That we express thanksgivings to God for answering the many prayers in behalf of this meeting of Synod.

That we join in thanks to God for His everlasting grace and mercy to each one of us and to this branch of His Church.

That we express our thanks to the officers of Synod for their gracious conduct of the business of Synod and for their earnest desire that all ideas receive a fair and courteous hearing.

That we express our thanks to those who helped in a special way to make this Synod as comfortable as possible. These include, 1) The committee on Arrangements who did such a fine job of co-ordinating all of the physical details of the pre-conference and Synod; 2) The nurse who faithfully fulfilled her ministry; 3) Those who helped, even during late hours, to prepare and print the various reports; 4) The excellent help of the Kansas City Congregation in carrying much of the load regarding the physical needs. 5) The young men who were most helpful in serving as pages for the pre-conference and in a similar capacity for the Synod; 6) And the Administration of Calvary Bible College for the use of their facilities.

Recommendations:

1. *That we thank God for His bountiful provision in 1967 relative to our financial needs.*

H. C. Anderson

Kermit S. Edgar

M. L. McFarland, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Travelling Fund and Absences was read. Item 1 was amended and adopted. Item 2 was adopted. Item 3 was amended and adopted. Items 4 and 5 were stricken. Items 6 and 7 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Travelling Fund And Absences

Your Travel Fund and Absences Committee would respectfully report: This year's expenses amounted to \$7,247.00 while the amount collected was \$7,808.40.

We recommend:

1. That 1969 Synod Allowances be:
 - a. Delegates driving alone, 5¢ per mile.
 - b. Delegates bringing other delegates, 4¢ for self and 2¢ for each other delegate.
 - c. Round trip bus or train fare for delegates using this mode.
 - d. Round trip air coach fare for any elder and ministerial delegate. Use excursion rates, where applicable.
 - e. Highway and bridge tolls also.
2. That the congregational assessment remain at \$1.75 per communicant member.
3. That since, with but few exceptions, the cost of driving was more than plane fare, that Synod therefore encourage air flights for future travel.
6. That the phone bill of \$2.45 be paid from the Miscellaneous Fund.
7. That Mr. James Scheloski of the Mission State Bank, Mission, Kansas be thanked, by letter, by Synod's Clerk, for his willingness to help in administrating the fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert More, Jr.
Richard Olson

The Report of Synod's Board of Trustees in answer to Paper Number Five was adopted and is as follows:

Report On Status Of Tax Exemption Of Our Denomination

Your Board would respectfully report that we obtained a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Department

under date of January 6, 1942 advising us of our tax exempt status. This exemption is in the name of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

We are now pursuing the matter further concerning the advisability of obtaining a new listing of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and all of its subordinate branches.

Chester R. Fox, Secretary

Synod recessed in prayer by James L. Mitchell.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1:45 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by Waldo McBurney.

The Roll was taken.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

By resolution Synod decided to grant from the Miscellaneous Fund sufficient funds to publish the "Elder's Manual" which the Synod had asked the Board of Christian Education to produce, and that monies received from the sale of these manuals be returned to the Miscellaneous Fund.

The Report of the Co-ordinating Committee was taken up. Amounts granted to the Indian Mission and the Southern Mission were combined with the amount granted to Home Missions to make one amount granted to Home Missions and Church Extension, but the Indian Mission and the Southern Mission will be continued on the list of those considered in Synod's Budget. The report as amended was considered as a whole, adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Co-ordinating Committee

The 1968 Co-Ordinating Committee met Saturday, July 13, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 215, Calvary Bible College, and was called to order by the chairman, Jerrold S. Milroy, who led in prayer and read Ephesians 4.

The following made up the Committee: Chairman, Jerrold S. Milroy; Clerk, John O. Edgar; Assistant Clerk, Robert More.

Iowa Presbytery -- Robert McCracken and J. Milford Hays

Midwest Presbytery -- Luther McFarland and Maurice Reed

New York Presbytery -- J. Paul McCracken

Ohio-Illinois Presbytery -- Robert Milliken

Pacific Coast Presbytery -- Lester Kilpatrick and James Copeland

Pittsburgh Presbytery -- James D. Carson and H. E. McKelvy

St. Lawrence Presbytery - - J. Paul Wilson and William Ramsey

The Departments presenting requests were represented as follows:

1. Foreign Missions	Robert Henning
2. Home Missions	C. R. Fox
3. Southern Mission	C. R. Fox

4. Indian Mission	C. R. Fox
5. Women's Association	J. O. Edgar
6. Theological Seminary	R. A. Henning
7. Student Aid	R. A. Henning
8. Ministerial Relief	Robert Morrow
9. Widows and Orphans	Robert Morrow
10. Geneva College	Mrs. Willard Hemphill
11. Board of Publication	Paul Faris
12. Witness Committee	M. W. Martin
13. Board of Christian Education	Willard McMillan
14. Miscellaneous Fund	C. R. Fox
15. Nat'l Assoc. of Evangelicals	C. R. Fox
16. Pastor's Refresher Course	M. W. Martin
17. Board of Evangelism	Robert McMillan
18. Board of Church Erection	V. L. Rokereto
19. Board of Corporators	James D. Carson

The representatives of the various departments presented their requests, which totaled \$216,838.

It was decided that the church must work toward a realistic budget, so \$160,000 was set as the figure. The following are the amounts which were requested and which were granted by the committee.

	<u>Request</u>	<u>Granted</u>
Foreign Missions	\$48,000	\$39,000
Home Missions and Church Extension	25,000	24,500
Southern Mission	3,500	0
Indian Mission	5,000	0
Women's Association	6,000	1,000
Theological Seminary	21,920	17,430
Student's Aid	1,000	500
Ministerial Relief	10	10
Widows and Orphans	6,500	5,500
Geneva College	20,000	18,000
Publication Board	16,000	12,000
Witness Committee	25,000	20,000
Christian Education	25,383	22,500
Miscellaneous Fund	2,500	1,500
National Association of Evangelicals	250	250
Board of Church Erection	7,500	1,000
Pastor's Refresher Course	750	10
Board of Evangelism	1,425	800
Board of Corporators	1,100	1,000
	<u>\$216,838</u>	<u>\$165,000</u>

It was moved and passed that the budget for 1969 be set at \$165,000.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Budget for 1969 be set at \$165,000.
2. That the Clerks of Presbyteries be directed to send to the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee the names of their representatives when they have been appointed, so that information can be sent to them prior to the 1969 meeting.
3. That the officers of the Coordinating Committee for the 1969 meeting of Synod be appointed at this meeting of Synod and that the Nominating Committee consider the advisability of appointing a chairman for the 1969 Coordinating Committee from the retiring membership of the 1968 committee.
4. That any money received, over and above the 1969 Budget be allocated to the Board of Foreign Missions, and that this Board be appointed by Synod to assist in the publicity work of the Stewardship Committee for 1969.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrold S. Milroy, Chairman
John O. Edgar, Clerk
Robert More, Assistant Clerk

P.S. The total Budget of our denominational work including the annual contributed budget (Synod's Budget) appears on page 224 of the Appendix.

A Resolution presented by S. Bruce Willson changing the time of meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee was adopted as follows:

Be it resolved that in future years the Coordinating Committee be scheduled to meet *after* the reports of Boards and Committees participating in Synod's Budget have been considered.

In order to effect practical readjustments in docket scheduling, be it further resolved that first meetings of Boards and Committees be scheduled to meet the day that Synod convenes; and that one afternoon be reserved for the meetings of Presbyteries, the Elders Conference; and an additional afternoon be reserved for the meeting of the Coordinating Committee and other Synod committees.

S. Bruce Willson

A Resolution presented by D. Howard Elliott calling for only one evening conference during the meeting of Synod was adopted.

Item 6 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Special Committee to Consider Paper Six (of the 1967 Synod) - was presented. Synod voted to adopt the recommendation for re-study, to appoint the same committee to carry out the study, and to commit to this

committee recommendations 3 and 11d from the Report of the Covenanter Conference dealing with this question.

The Report of the Committee to Consider Paper One was read and taken up item by item. Item 1 was referred to the committee that prepared this report and adopted as follows: That Paper One be studied during the year and reported on at the 1969 Synod. A substitute for Item 2 was adopted as follows: That Mr. Dougherty's resolution be referred to the same committee for study to bring in a report to the next Synod.

The Report of the Committee on Psalter Revision was taken up. Item 3 was amended and adopted. Item 4 was adopted. A Resolution presented by Glenn McFarland was received by the Synod and referred to this committee for consideration. It is as follows: That the committee make every effort to complete the revised Psalter for the Centennial Celebration of the Covenant of 1871 and that covers of the first 3000 copies carry a seal or sub-title designating it as the 1871 Centennial Memorial Psalter. The report of the committee was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee On Psalter Revision

Synod's Committee on Psalter Revision held its first general meeting at Geneva College on December 23, 1967. All but three of the twelve members participated in three sessions from 8:30 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. The agenda included summary and evaluation of questionnaires and correspondence, preliminary survey of the Psalter, exchange of ideas, and assignment of responsibilities. Although discussion rather than decision was the emphasis at this meeting, there was much agreement on the purpose and value of a revision at this time, as well as upon many of the features such a revision should involve.

A number of observations lead us to urge a revision at this time. We wish to enumerate some weaknesses we find in the 1950 BOOK OF PSALMS WITH MUSIC and some reasons we have for believing that today is an appropriate time to undertake their correction.

In the Psalter presently authorized by this Synod we suggest there are the following undesirable conditions:

- (1) Some inaccuracies in translation, most of them inherited from the AV.
- (2) Many words and idioms, once accurate and meaningful, but no longer current in American usage.
- (3) Frequent limitation of both beauty and accuracy by confinement to meters and stanza forms of the English and American ballad.
- (4) Similar limitations resulting from adherence to strict rhyme schemes.

- (5) Frequent ignoring or violating of the original Hebrew structural pattern of the Psalm.
- (6) Complete ignoring of known divisions of the Psalter.
- (7) Tunes lacking in dignity, appropriateness, or beauty, or all three.
- (8) Two versions of the same Psalm when only one is effective.

The committee feels that revision can improve both text and music. Improvement of text involves more exact communication of the meaning and feeling of the Psalms as originally inspired by the Holy Spirit. As nearly as possible, the structure, mood, and meaning of the original Hebrew must be translated into American vernacular. Improvement of music involves selecting tunes for the text that will enhance its meaning while stimulating enthusiasm for singing.

Is this the time for revision? We believe so. Here are some reasons:

- (1) The Psalter presently authorized by Synod has been in use long enough to provide a basis for selecting among its features those which help and those which hinder its purpose.
- (2) Promoters of Psalm-singing within our denomination express concern for an improved translation and musical setting.
- (3) The Scottish and Irish Reformed Presbyterians are seeking ways to improve their Psalter.
- (4) Our scholars and musicians demonstrate agreement on principles of accuracy in translation and of appropriateness in music.
- (5) A general revival of interest in the purpose and content of song in Christian worship suggests an opportunity for witness if we have available the best Psalter God makes us able to produce.
- (6) Normal demand for replacement of Psalters will require either a reprint of the 1950 edition or a new edition in about three years.

Since we are not a permanent committee, our expenses have been paid from the Miscellaneous Fund. We have estimated that, during 1969, the cost of continuing correspondence, duplication of materials, and two full committee meetings will total about \$1000. It is our hope that, if some qualified member of the committee is free to devote full time to the project for a few weeks or months, we might have an additional \$1000 on which to draw for his living expenses during this time of special service.

We have not sufficiently tested the scholarship and musicianship of present committee members to know the human resources God has provided through Synod's appointment. We pray He will give us courage to try, time to work, wisdom to sense our limitations, and many more helpers.

We submit the following recommendations:

- (1) That Synod authorize the present committee to continue with its project.
- (2) That the goal of the committee be revision ready for Synod's approval within three or four years.
- (3) That the committee be authorized to employ one of its qualified members on a full or part-time basis for work on the revision with total compensation not exceeding \$1,000, to be taken from the Miscellaneous Fund.
- (4) That Synod authorize and encourage participation in the study and singing of proposed versions and tunes.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee On Psalter Revision
Charles McBurney, Chairman
Rev. Roy Blackwood
Rev. C. E. Caskey
Miss Mary Coleman
Rev. Clark Copeland
Robert Copeland
Mrs. Robert Copeland
William Edgar
Mrs. T. R. Hutcheson
Edward Robson
Rev. Kenneth Smith
Mrs. Robert Tweed

The Report of the Records of Presbyteries was read, amended, adopted and is as follows:

Report Of The Committee To Examine Records Of Presbyteries

The Minutes of the Midwest, New York, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh, and St. Lawrence Presbyteries, and the Cyprus and Far East Commissions have been examined. Nothing was found therein that was contrary to the law and order of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Weilersbacher
Assistant Clerk of Synod

The Report of the Committee on Signs of the Times was presented, adopted and is as follows:

Signs Of The Times

"All signs of the times point heavenward." With these words, the Committee on Signs of the Times commenced its report to the

Synod of 1933. Thirty five years have passed since the Synod adopted that report of a Committee whose chairman was Dr. Owen F. Thompson. In what direction do the Signs of the Times point, in this last third of the Twentieth Century?

We are now in a period of foment and unrest, of upheaval and radical change. The old order is passing. The shape of the coming order is not yet in clear focus. However, there are significant signs in the passing of the old and the emergence of the new.

In the area of race relations our progress is through stormy seas. Recent riots, and the pressures back of them, serve to remind us of how little we have learned the truth enunciated by the Apostle Paul in the 17th chapter of Acts, — that "God . . hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." We have been satisfying ourselves by saying to those in great need, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled." The violence of their protests is awakening us to the fact that good wishes may not be an adequate solution to great problems. It is significant that in areas where riots have taken place, men of good will are making a much greater effort to ameliorate the situations which brought them on. One encouraging development is the way in which industry, with its resources and its ingenuity, is planning to train those who have been under-privileged so as to fit them for jobs; and thus do away with the enervating dole and the hand-out. In a recent news report Negro leaders of the Watts area in Los Angeles related that the cry of "Burn baby burn" which was heard in that riot-devastated area two years ago, is now giving way to the cry of "Learn, baby, learn." In this area of race relations, both Negroes and Whites still have much to learn, particularly "that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us."

In 1942 the New York Women's Presbyterial petitioned Synod to send out "specially qualified speakers who shall consistently carry the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ in relation to civil government to the people of the nation." Since that time, men have devoted their time to the task. In many instances it has been a case of "Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not." Influenced as it has been by recent decisions of the Supreme Court, the present trend of our national life takes us further and further away from any recognition of the Lord Jesus Christ or of the law of God for the nation. Yet we appear perplexed that the blessing of the Almighty does not rest upon us in overflowing measure. We are finding ourselves involved in a war that leaves many of our people sorely perplexed: a war that we are not able to win, and from which we are having difficulty in extricating ourselves. The old phrase "sound as a dollar" now has an uncertain sound. In the midst of

great prosperity and material comfort we find ourselves re-thinking our supposed invincibility. We would do well to read seriously God's declaration through His Prophet Jeremiah: "At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them."

Communism, which has hung over the eastern hemisphere like a storm cloud for nearly half a century, now shows some evidence of coming apart at the seams. We are witnesses of the slow deterioration of Soviet Russia's empire, as one nation and then another throws off the controls from Moscow and begins to assert its own nationalism. Red China, regarded by many as the coming colossus of Asia, emerges from Mao Tse Tung's Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution as a "paper tiger" that gives promise of breaking up into numerous factions that will, as of old, be controlled by the feudal war-lord system.

Yet if these developments abroad lead us to suppose that Communism has had its fangs removed, we would do well to look about us right in our own country. Our nation's leaders do not blame the riots solely on Communists; but most of them feel that the Communists are there, ready to make capital of any promising situation. America's farm belt is supposed to be the conservative area of our nation. Mr. Herbert Philbrick, former under-cover agent for the F.B.I. asserts that, of the various farm organizations, all but the Farm Bureau are Communist infiltrated. According to the Des Moines Register of March 31, 1968, among the farm organizations, only the Farm Bureau's policy makers have discussed at length, the threats of Socialism and Communism in this country. Communism, losing ground in east Europe and Asia, is stepping up its campaign in Africa. With the inexpensive transistor radio causing a communications revolution in Africa, Communism is making the most of its opportunity to propagandize the Dark Continent. Islamic broadcasts also, are multiplying many fold. Christian broadcasting has not been able to keep up. Surely we are witnessing an out-working of Revelation 12:12, where we are told, "The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

The most significant, and certainly the most disturbing, of all the Signs of the Times, is in the theological realm. The changes that are taking place here are almost unbelievable to the Bible-believing Christian. More and more, social action on the part of the churches has given way to social activism - which, in turn, is becoming a substitute for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The National Council of Churches has recommended to its constituent denominations that, for the first quarter of 1968, they lay aside their regular Church School materials; and, in their place, substitute such materials as the

Report of the President's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, talks by black church men to white church men on "the ghetto viewpoint", and information gleaned from such sources as News Week and Esquire. Denominational study materials are turning to Relativism, Existentialism, and Situation Ethics, instead of to the "Thus saith the Lord" of the revealed Word of God. Neo-Orthodoxy yields to Liberalism; and Liberalism to the "Death-of God" movement.

While the "Death-of-God" movement made quite a splash in the headlines, and no doubt gained some favor in certain circles of theological sophisticates, the common people have not shown themselves about to accept it. Seventy years ago James Orr, in his Christian View of God and the World, pointed out that any kind of a "Death-of-God" movement leads to an untenable position. Recently, on the bulletin board of more than one church across the country, there has appeared the message, "Our God isn't dead! Sorry about yours!"

God is still very much at work in the world. The same generation of young people that produced the "hippies", also produced the thousands of college students who gathered for the Eighth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention at Urbana, Illinois, in the closing days of 1967. The same spirit that, at the beginning of the century, sent hundreds of young people to the mission fields under the stimulus of the old Student Volunteer Movement, is to be found in Christian young people of this present generation. From fifty seven nations they came. They gave serious and intense attention to the spiritual needs of the present. And they regarded as the climax of their Convention an address on "A Life to Give."

It is sadly true that the power structures of some of our large Protestant denominations are turning away from the Bible-taught truth of redemption through Jesus Christ and cleansing through His blood; it is also true that multitudes of concerned laymen in these same denominations are beginning to revolt against the power structures, and are expressing their yearning for a back-to-the-Bible movement.

An editorial in Christianity Today asserts that the most important question the world will face in the next decade is that of what we will do about God. This is true. It is not new. The question of what we will do about God has always been man's most important question. There have always been those who wanted to declare Him dead. There have also been those ready to be His witnesses and His servants. God, today, is "doing his will in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth." As we behold the change and the turmoil and the upheaval in the world in this last third of the Twentieth Century, it behooves us to turn once again in our Bibles to Ezekiel 21:27, and realize Who it is that is declaring: "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until

he comes whose right it is; and I will give it him."

Today, as thirty five years ago, "the signs of the times point toward heaven."

We recommend:

1. That our pastors and sessions keep their people informed as to areas of Christian cooperation which are desirable and proper; and also as to areas of cooperation that would vitiate our Christian testimony, and our witness as Bible-believing Christians.
2. That the days designated as Thanksgiving Day in the United States and Canada be observed with suitable religious services.
3. That one of the days of the Week of Prayer be set aside as a special day of repentance and confession of sins.
4. That pastors, on suitable occasions, present messages on national repentance, based on Scriptural passages such as, for example, Jeremiah 18:7,8: "At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy if, If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them."

Respectfully submitted,
J. Milford Hays
Raymond P. Joseph
G. M. Robb, Chairman

The Report of the Committee to Study Papers Six and Eleven was read. By substitute action Synod answered Paper Eleven by ruling that such notification is not necessary. Synod supported the committee's recommendation in answering Paper Six. The Report is as follows:

Report Of The Special Committee To Deal With Papers No. 6 And No. 11

PAPER NO. 11

Paper No. 11 is from a committee of Ohio-Illinois Presbytery and deals with the matter of notification of all candidates concerning a pastoral election. The paper asks that "following the first sentence of paragraph 9, p. 251, Book of Church Government, this sentence be inserted to notify all unsuccessful candidates that a call has been made: 'He shall also notify all other candidates as to the outcome of the election. The clerk of session shall promptly supply such a list to the moderator.' "

PAPER NO. 6

Paper No. 6 relative to the system of calling pastors states that "the undersigned believing the present system of calling pastors is defective and ineffective in some particulars requests that Synod study the matter." The paper suggests "consideration of the Scriptural basis for the practice of the R.P. Church in this area; comparison with the practice of other Reformed Churches; and full application of Biblical principles to the need of congregations in this age."

Your committee has failed to find any major defects in the present system and believes that the experience of the Church has proved it effective, however, we recognize the value of studying the practice of other Reformed Churches and asks that this paper be left in the hands of the committee for further study and to report to next Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. McFarland
Maurice Reed
Herbert A. Hays
W. Harold Ward
E. R. Hemphill, Chairman

Item 7 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee to Consider Paper Ten Concerning Requirements for Licensure and Ordination - was presented. Item 1 was adopted by a two-thirds vote and will be sent down in overture. Item 2 was amended and adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Committee To Consider Paper No. 10

Paper number 10, which was presented to the Synod of 1967, requested Synod to clarify the relationship between various parts of our subordinate standards which appear to be in conflict. In particular, the paper is questioning the justification for the following statements:

A. That for a minister of another denomination to be received by Presbytery he must give an "unreserved acceptance" of and adherence to the doctrinal standards and distinctive principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. (p. 255, Form of Church Government, Chapter VIII, paragraph 9).

B. That Presbytery may not license nor ordain any candidate who is opposed to a distinctive principle of the Church, or who pleads ignorance of the Biblical doctrines upon which the terms are founded. (pp. 84, 85, Minutes of Synod, 1962.)

The paper asks these questions:

(1) If there is no church which is absolutely pure in doctrine and practice, how can we require an "unreserved acceptance" of our

subordinate standards – since we confess that each denomination is more or less pure in doctrine and practice?

(2) If members of Synod have the right to dissent from any action of Synod and even to challenge the constitutional law of the church, why are not candidates for licensure or ordination at least permitted to honestly plead ignorance of the Biblical basis of certain principles or to give a qualified acceptance of these teachings?

(3) Would it not be more Scriptural to require that any candidate for membership, licensure, or ordination state that he believes the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to be the most pure in doctrine and practice – rather than giving an absolute acceptance in every little detail?

Your committee believes that an absolute acceptance in every little detail of the subordinate standards of the church should not be a necessary requirement for licensure or ordination or for being received into the ministry of the church from another denomination. Since we acknowledge that the Scriptures alone are the infallible standard, and that no church on earth is absolutely pure (Confession of Faith, Chapter 25, paragraphs 4 and 5, pp. 45, 46), it would be inconsistent to require the belief that the church in its standards has infallibly interpreted the Bible. Such a requirement would involve particular problems at a time when some part of the church's constitutional law is being reexamined in the light of Scripture and is under discussion in the church courts.

On the other hand, it is our strong conviction that one who is being licensed or ordained to the Gospel ministry in the Reformed Presbyterian Church must be prepared, or at least in the process of preparing himself, to fill a place of able leadership in maintaining the church's corporate witness to the truth. A vital part of the minister's work is to instruct prospective members in the principles of the church, and to answer the questions of members and non-members alike concerning the interpretation of the Scriptures. It is therefore not sufficient for him to believe that the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America is "the most pure in doctrine and practice", as suggested in the third question asked by the signers of the paper. To require no more than this of a licentiate or an ordained minister is to either ignore or minimize the necessity of having definite convictions concerning specific doctrinal standards.

The Westminster Confession of Faith (Chapter 20, Sec. 2) states that the "requiring of an implicit faith, and an absolute and blind obedience is to destroy liberty of conscience, and reason also". How to safeguard the freedom of the Christian conscience, with God alone as its Lord, and at the same time to maintain the spiritual unity and corporate testimony of the visible church as set forth in Scripture, has

never been an easy problem. It is our belief, with regard to the vows of licensure and ordination, that, if the one taking those vows takes exception to any particular doctrine or practice of the church, he should state his exception as clearly as he can in writing, and should be prepared to present the line of Scriptural teaching on which he bases his opinion. This could then be either the basis for counsel on the part of the examining Presbyters or the basis for papers to be addressed to Synod for adjudication.

The Confession of Faith (Chapter 31, Sec. 3, p. 54) states that "it belongeth to Synods and councils, ministerially to determine controversies of faith and *cases of conscience . . .*" (italics are the committee's). Before a church court allows a conscientious scruple, especially on the part of a minister or licentiate, it must exercise care to determine whether the person holding the scruple believes in the *system of doctrine* as set forth in the church's standards. It must consider such matters as the extent of his deviation from the position of the church, his attitude toward the church courts, his willingness to engage in further study of the issues involved, and his concern to avoid any divisive or scandalous actions, either in his ministry of preaching and teaching or by his personal behavior.

We would make the following recommendations:

(1) That the following change in the Book of Church Government be submitted to overture to the Sessions of the Church: Chapter 8, sec. 9 (p. 255) to be changed by the deletion of the word "unreserved" from the requirement that a minister being received from another denomination declare "his unreserved acceptance of an adherence to the doctrinal standards and distinctive principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church".

(2) That the church recognize the right of its courts, under carefully safeguarded conditions as outlined in the body of the report, to allow a member, licentiate or ordained minister to hold a conscientious scruple with regard to some specific part of the church's subordinate standards, and that such objections be filed in the records of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. Hemphill
J. P. Wilson
William Ramsey
Donald Willson
John McMillan, Chairman

The Report of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was taken up. Item 4 was stricken. Items 5 and 6 were adopted. Item 7 was stricken. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Board Of Home Missions And Church Extension (covering 1967 and into 1968)

The Board held five regular meetings, one special meeting at Synod, and one Executive Committee meeting during 1967. The officers of the Board, elected at the September meeting, are: President, Joseph M. Caskey; Vice President, Thomas J. Wilson, who resigned, and David R. Armstrong was elected in November; Corresponding Secretary, Kermit S. Edgar; Recording Secretary, Melville W. Martin; Treasurer, Chester R. Fox; Publicity, Mrs. Fenton Farley.

In the Board we have subdivided the work by establishing committees to oversee the activities in four general areas - Aid-Receiving Congregations, New Work, The Southern Mission, and The Indian Mission. We will take these up briefly in the reverse order.

The Indian Mission

The work at the Indian Mission is continuing. Rev. and Mrs. Paul White went to the mission in February of 1967 and worked for a few months, then Rev. and Mrs. Philip Martin were there for 6 weeks in July and August. Rev. and Mrs. White then returned to the mission for two months, but had to leave for health reasons. The Whites have been very helpful in getting the congregation to take a more active part in carrying on the necessary business of the church. A local minister of the Reformed faith has been conducting services there when none of our men were available. Midwest Presbytery has been trying to provide preachers for the mission at regular intervals.

At the request of the congregation, Rev. Jerry Hayenga was contacted by Midwest Presbytery to see if he would consider a call to the work again, but he declined. He is teaching in northern California.

Midwest Presbytery made a call upon Rev. Philip Martin to take up the work at the Mission, as Stated Supply of Cache Creek Congregation. Rev. Martin has accepted the call and expects to begin work at the mission following Synod.

Please continue to remember this work in your prayers and contributions.

The Southern Mission

Rev. Claude C. Brown, D.D. has served the congregation and the Mission in Selma for 25 years. He is to be commended for his faithful and strong leadership in that area. The Board acknowledged this with a small token of appreciation at the Spring Communion in 1968. Rev. J. O. Edgar, of the Board, was sent to assist with their communion this year.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown continue to serve with the help of the "Local Board" there at the Mission. The kindergarten is filled to capacity.

The work with the Scouts is thriving. Used clothing can always be sold or distributed. The sanctuary has been very attractively redecorated. The Browns have moved into their new home (April 9, 1968). The old parsonage will be used for education and youth work. The Board is providing a housing allowance.

Pray regularly for the work and the workers at Selma.

New Work
(generally 10 years or younger)

We cannot report on all the fine work that is being done in the limits of this report, but this would include Park City (1961), Manchester (1961), North Hills (1964), Indianapolis (1964), Lawrence (1966), Beaver Area (1967), Lafayette (1967), and Marion (1965).

The work in these areas continues to grow, but is leveling off in the older ones. Park City is currently without a pastor and needs our prayers. Manchester is seeking to complete its building program. Marion is stressing Bible study groups as well as personal contacts. North Hills has been blessed with the fruits of years of labor in a special way this year. Indianapolis continues to minister to students and community, and to carry on its own training school each year. Lawrence is seeking land for a possible church site, and is also trying to reach students through fellowship groups. Lafayette is engaged in Bible studies and fellowship groups and is hoping to become an established group very soon. The Beaver Area Congregation is also seeking land for a building. They have a parsonage but are worshipping in the Vanport Fire Hall.

Financial assistance was given to some of these groups during 1967. (This is for items other than salaries)

- \$ 2,000. to Lawrence for down payment on a parsonage.
- 1,000. to Hot Springs for a bus.
- 700. to Lawrence for repairs and improvements on the Church.
- 1,000. to Lafayette to help with their needs.
- 5,000. to Lawrence toward their parsonage.
- 600. to Park City to help meet payments on bonds.
- 3,500. to Beaver Area Congregation toward securing a parsonage.
And in 1968 so far,
- 2,100. to Lafayette for their needs.

Continue to pray for and encourage those who are working in these new areas that the work may keep on growing and prospering to the glory of God.

Aid-Receiving Congregations

This is less glamourous, yet important to the life of the Church. Much of the finances of the Board goes to assisting congregations which are not able to meet the costs necessary to maintain the preaching of the gospel in their area. There were 13 congregations (9 old and 4 new)

receiving such assistance in 1967. The cost in 1967 amounted to \$ 27,352.43 in supplements. There are 12 congregations requesting aid thru supplements in 1968. The cost will probably be higher in 1968 due to the increases in salaries and other expenses.

Pray for these congregations that they may be strengthened and encouraged, and that more may become self-supporting and a support to others through evangelistic efforts. Pray for those who labor in these fields that they may not become discouraged but continue to proclaim the greatness and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Other Programs

There have been several inquiries but no one enrolled in the Home Missionary Program or the Special Stated Supply project of the Board (see 1965 Minutes, page 73). We ask your prayers for these projects that the Lord will raise up workers to assist in the needy areas of the church.

In 1968 we have launched a Summer Christian Service and Training Program to try to enlist Seminary students and Reformed Presbyterian college seniors in working with a pastor in needy areas of the denomination, for the benefit of congregations, the pastors, and the person serving. We trust these young workers may gain a better understanding of the needs and the work of the Church.

We have sent lists of "Out-of-Bounds" members to the Presbyteries and trust Presbyteries are seeking to keep in touch with those in their areas.

Recommendations:

1. That Synod appoint the successors to: Rev. David R. Armstrong, Rev. Kermit S. Edgar, D.D., Rev. J. O. Edgar, D.D., Rev. Donald Weilersbacher, and Rev. Thomas Wilson, whose terms expire with this meeting of Synod. Also, Mrs. E. Dodds Balph, by the Synodical.
2. That Presbyteries strengthen their oversight of congregations showing evidence of need (small and declining membership), and of congregations which have received aid for many years (10 years or more) without evidence of growth.
3. That Presbyteries urge sessions to maintain contact with "Out-of-Bound" members in their area and attempt to keep the list up to date.
5. That the Board be authorized to make necessary adjustments and grants as conditions may change in various fields.
6. That the President of the Board be heard on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Melville W. Martin, for the
Board of Home Missions and
Church Extension

Item 8 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Paper Twelve (of the 1967 Synod) - was presented, adopted and is as follows:

Committee To Consider Paper No. 12

This Committee has no report to submit for the following reasons:

Paper No. 12 was never received by this Committee. A request was sent to the Clerk of Synod for Paper No. 12. The Clerk of Synod did not have a copy of Paper No. 12. My letter to the Clerk was referred to the Chairman of Synod's Nominating Committee. No paper was received from him. Contact was made with the California Presbytery from which Paper No. 12 had originated. No copy was forwarded to this Committee from the California Presbytery.

The Committee regrets that it is unable to submit a report, but would suggest to the Synod that measures be taken so that this type of situation does not come up again.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Caskey
Chester Fox
W. J. C. George
John Mitchell
Stewart M. Lee, Chairman

Item 9 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Paper Thirteen (of the 1967 Synod) - was presented. Item 1 was amended and adopted. Items 2 and 3 were adopted. Item 4 was adopted by a two-thirds vote and will be sent down in overture. Item 5 was amended and adopted.

Synod took recess until 6:45 p.m. in prayer by Joseph Caskey.

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 6:45 p.m.

Synod reconvened in prayer by Floyd Finley.

The Roll was taken.

The Minutes of the previous session were approved and read.

Item 9 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Paper Thirteen (of the 1967 Synod) - was taken up. Item 6 of the Minority Report was adopted and will with its reasoning be added to the Report. Items 7 and 8 were adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of Synod's Committee On Paper No. 13

Fathers and Brethren:

The committee appointed to study Paper Number 13, dealing

with the relationship of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America to the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in the light of the latter body's adoption of The Confession of 1967, would respectfully report having met officially three times to consider this matter, in addition to carrying on a considerable amount of discussion through correspondence.

We view our task with gravity, aware that in formulating a statement respecting the official pronouncement of a sister denomination, the position held by members of that body toward this document, and our position with respect toward these members, we may be asserting judgment upon both denomination and member. Such rendering of judgment cannot be made lightly. We earnestly trust that our efforts have been made in the leading of the Spirit of God and in accord with Holy Scripture.

In the report which follows we present for the Synod's consideration: 1) an analysis of the Confession of 1967, 2) a statement with respect to the subscription vows now used in the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and 3) statements concerning the practical implications arising out of the relationship of ministers and laymen of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with our own denomination.

MAJOR ISSUES IN THE CONFESSION OF 1967*

(*All direct quotations are taken from the revised Confession of 1967)

The Confession of 1967 of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. purports to be a "present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ." It is not intended to be a complete summary of doctrine but a Christian manifesto for our times. Our present purpose is to present a brief analysis of four dominant themes in the Confession as a basis for re-examining the relationship of the Reformed Presbyterian Church to the United Presbyterian Church.

Revelation and Scripture

The new Confession sets aside the Reformation principle of *sola scriptura*, affirming that Jesus Christ is "the one sufficient revelation of God" and that Jesus Christ is the "Word of God." Scripture is not declared to be a revelation of God but a *witness* to God's revelation in Christ. The Scriptures are received in the church as the word of God but the Scriptures are the words of men, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel" which the church receives "as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated." The new Confession thus appears to reaffirm the traditional doctrine of Scripture as set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith. But the Confession's statements on Scripture must be understood in the light of its concept of revelation, viz., that Jesus Christ is the *only* revelation

of God. The traditional view is that both Christ and Scripture are the revelation of God and, accordingly, the authority of Christ and the authority of Scripture are one and the same. The new Confession, however, subordinates the authority of Scripture, making the church "subject to the authority of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, as the Scriptures bear witness to him."

In driving a wedge between Christ and Scripture, the new Confession reflects a Neo-orthodox concept of revelation according to which God speaks situationally to men in personal encounter and "personal crisis . . . when the gospel is proclaimed and believed." God's revelation comes to man, not in written words but in a transaction between God and man in which Christ becomes present reality. The authority of Scripture as a finished revelation of God is thus replaced by a subjective authority deriving from personal religious experience.

Jesus Christ

The doctrine of the Person of Christ is "not redefined but . . . recognized and reaffirmed as forming the basis and determining the structure of the Christian faith." But a confession of faith for our times should restate the whole truth about Christ according to the Scriptures, and should do so clearly and unambiguously in accord with the faith of the church since the time of the apostles.

The Confession appears at some points to follow well-worn pathways of orthodoxy. "Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father." The Confession also speaks of the resurrection of Christ and of his future return. But in spite of Biblical phraseology, the Confession does not clearly affirm the deity of Christ, nor does it specify the nature (bodily or otherwise) of Christ's resurrection and of his return. The humanity of Jesus, who is identified as "a Palestinian Jew," is emphasized, but no clear affirmation of his divine nature is given in the Confession. In the light of this, how are we to understand the opening words of the Confession: "In Jesus Christ God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission"? These statements appear to refer to an incarnation of Christ, but in view of the concept of revelation to which the Confession is committed, Christ's incarnation is not simply a past event but an ongoing process. Christ *became* incarnate but he also is *becoming* incarnate in the present event of personal encounter. Christ *became* man to fulfill the work of reconciliation but he also is *present* to continue that work. As Christ's incarnation is not a finished act, so his reconciliation is not a finished work. While the Confession's statements about Jesus Christ may be understood in the historic, orthodox sense, the concept of

revelation-in-Christ-only points toward a different understanding of the statements about Jesus Christ, and understanding that is far removed from that of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Reconciliation

God's act of reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the central feature of the Confession, but the true nature of man's reconciliation to God is not made clear. A number of Scriptural terms are cited, e.g., atonement, ransom, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, but the truth of God's reconciling act is declared to be a mystery which "remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man." While it is true according to Scripture that God's love for man surpasses human understanding, it is not true that the precise nature of God's reconciling act cannot be known from the Biblical data which describe and explain it. Does the statement, God's reconciling act is beyond the reach of all theory, mean that we can have no factual knowledge of reconciliation but that we can have experiential knowledge of it? Does the Confession imply a distinction between theoretical knowledge based on historical fact and practical knowledge based on faith-experience, ruling out the former but affirming the latter? If so, the Confession is also at this point committed to the modern view of revelation—that the truth about God's relation with man cannot be directly identified with anything that is stated in Scripture but is apprehended rather in person-to-person encounter. God's act of reconciliation is not, accordingly, a once-for-all, finished act in the past but a process that is being carried on in the present and will be completed in the future.

The Confession reflects the new theology also in its dialectical understanding of God's love and wrath. In viewing God's love and wrath as coincident, it leans toward universalism. "Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love God took on himself judgement and shameful death in Jesus Christ to bring men to repentance and new life." Although the new Confession distinguishes those who have eternal life from those who "choose the death which is separation from God," it does not indicate that the latter is to be understood as eternal death. The pattern of Neo-orthodox dialectic in which love and wrath, judgment and redemption are asserted together is discernible in the Confession. The world is already being prepared to receive its "ultimate judgment and redemption." Does this mean that men shall be divided at last into saved and lost? Or does it have the Barthian meaning, that all men are both lost and saved? Christ's judgment is said to give "promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death." Does this include the condemnation and eternal punishment of unrepentant sinners? Or will even they be saved as God's grace ultimately triumphs over "all that resists his will and disrupts his creation"? The Confession's combining

of God's love and wrath suggests that the death of unbelievers is an expression of God's love in the form of wrath culminating finally in their salvation.

The Mission of the Church

The Confession states that the primary mission of the church in the world, according to the Confession, is social renewal by means of a reconciliation in which all men are included. The church "gathers to praise God" but it also "disperses to serve God." Its service is the work of reconciliation- "healing enmities which separate men from God and from each other." The church's mission of reconciliation is accomplished by means of social and political action.

The message of God's reconciliation of man in Jesus Christ is the gospel which is preached and taught in the church, moving men to respond in faith, repentance and obedience. This gospel is the witness of the church in its worship. But the witness of the church in the world- -its evangelism- -takes the form of social action leading to the unification of mankind. Thus, the Confession seeks to bring men together in "one universal family", not by the removal of personal sin which is the root of conflict and alienation among men but by the removal of social, economic, and ethnic differences. The emphasis of the Confession is the social action rather than the Great Commission. The burden of the Great Commission is Go, Preach, Make disciples. The gospel of social reformation is Go, Act, Make peace.

We hold that the heart of the church's witness in the world is the proclamation of the Word. The message of God's grace in Jesus Christ to lost sinners is the primary witness of the church. As applied to social justice, the church's witness responsibility has two aspects: exposition of the Word to members of the church for their edification and prophetic utterances on the social and moral issues of the day. While we agree that members of the church individually and cooperatively should "seek the good of man in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics," we deny that the church in its institutional form should seek to implement resolutions on international and economic matters by launching extensive action programs.

In conclusion it may be said that the drift toward radically new theological constructions is discernible in the new creed. Although earlier creeds including the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter Catechism are not repudiated but are acknowledged as guides to the church's understanding of the gospel, the Confession of 1967 is likely to supersede those creeds as determinants of the church's present day faith and action.

The purpose of creedal formulations by the church is to define truth precisely, making it clearly distinguishable from error. The

church is obligated to bear witness progressively as the needs of successive ages require. The new Confession with its studied ambiguity, however, is retrogressive in that it is equivocal at many points which in the present theological climate require clarification and precise definition.

The church in every age ought to proclaim the gospel as comprehensively as possible, whereas the Confession of 1967 is omission and evasive as regards many of the "traditional topics of theology."

Although the new creed purports to stand in the continuity of the church's tradition, and although it speaks highly of Jesus Christ, it is an essentially humanistic theology which is expressed as a new form of the Social Gospel.

In view of the prevalence of neo-orthodox theology and the present trend toward radical (non-metaphysical) theology in the United Presbyterian Church, and in view of the ambiguity of the language of the Confession, it is unrealistic to suppose that the affirmations of Biblical truth contained therein are unequivocal expressions of the historic Christian faith. Being founded on a relativistic view of revelational truth, the Confession, despite its use of terms such as "risen Christ" and "God's work of reconciliation in Jesus Christ," is a creedal expression of a theology whose God and Christ are radically different from the God and Christ of historic Christianity.

SUBSCRIPTION VOWS

The Creedal Revision of the United Presbyterian Church involved not only an adoption of a new Confession but also a change in subscription vows. Historic Presbyterianism has always required that ministers and elders subscribe to the infallibility of Scripture and the Westminster standards. Some of the queries that were formally asked of those being ordained are as follows:

"Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Vow number three in the revised subscription vows now reads:

"Will you perform the duties of a minister of the gospel in obedience to Christ, under the authority of the Scripture, and under the continuing instruction and guidance of the Confessions of this Church?

These words are unclear. The vow does not necessarily commit the ordinand to believe or adhere to the Confession. It does call for a high respect and honest consideration of the Confessions of the Church, but it falls short of actual adherence to them.

It has been argued, however, that a statement of a church court must be interpreted in the light of the mind of the framing assembly (*animus imponendi*) and that the majority of the General Assembly that adopted this subscription vow interpreted it to mean an implied

acceptance of that which was catholic, evangelical and reformed in the Book of Confessions. A motion was, in fact, made to add to subscription vow number three, above, the following: "which are affirmed of setting forth the catholic, evangelical and reformed faith." The framing committee, through its chairman, opposed the motion as unnecessary and already implicit in the context of the New Confession and the subscription vows. The proposed amendment was defeated. Hence, the mind of the framing assembly was that the subscription vow implies an acceptance of all that is catholic, evangelical, and reformed and is therefore a higher subscription than ever before.

It is our opinion that this reasoning does not solve the serious ambiguity of the subscription vow. It is obvious that the words are unclear. The ordinand who takes this vow in the future will not be confronted with the *animus imponendi* but with the ambiguous words. It also seems evident that in the midst of the present theological milieu and the ambiguity of the theological language even the phrase "catholic, evangelical, and reformed" means different things to different people within the General Assembly. It is certainly clear from historical Presbyterianism that, of all things, subscription vows should not be vague and indefinite.

The new subscription vow, in the light of the obvious meaning of the words, means merely than an ordinand must consider, respectfully, what these documents teach. It is up to his own judgment which instruction and guidance he will follow. It must, therefore, be concluded that in the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. there is no genuine subscription whatever, and that by adopting this subscription vow she has opened her doors wide to contemporary unbelief.

QUESTIONS OF PRACTICAL APPLICATION

I. Concerning Letters of Standing:

A. With reference to our present practice we read (BOOK OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT, Chapter II, Section 10): "Certificates from other denominations shall be honored so far as matters of common faith are concerned, and the applicant shall satisfy the session of his acceptance of, and purpose to conform to the principles and practices of the Covenanter Church." In the light of the ambiguity of the wording of The Confession of 1967, it cannot be said without reservation that our denomination holds a common faith with the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It would seem imperative that sessions henceforth examine candidates from this communion thoroughly in order to provide them with the opportunity to give assent to all the terms of communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Furthermore, in view of the prevalence of the liberal theologies in the American Protestant church today, it is our belief that sessions must exercise great care not

to assume that any candidate for membership from a non-evangelical denomination holds a common evangelical faith and that before acceptance he should be willing to give assent to all of our denomination's terms of communion.

B. With reference to giving letters of standing to members seeking transfer to other denominations, it appears to be clear (BOOK OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT, Chapter II, Section 12, "A person leaving the communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church shall be given only a letter, that is, a statement as to his standing at the date of the issuance.") that such a letter is in no way to be construed as giving tacit or expressed approval of the denomination to which such a person is transferring. Consequently, our present practice can be continued unchanged.

II. Concerning prospective members of the administration and faculty at Geneva College:

In the present theological climate it is not enough to require prospective members of the administration and faculty of Geneva College merely to be members of a Protestant evangelical church.

The by-laws of the College, recently revised, now require prospective faculty and administrative personnel also to be examined by the College administration with respect to their Christian beliefs. It is this committee's opinion, however, that in addition, such prospective members of the administration and faculty should also be required to express in written or oral manner their acceptance of the following paragraph, slightly amended, from the College bulletin (1968-1970, p. 13):

As ■ member of the (administration/faculty) of Geneva College I believe in "a divinely-inspired Bible; in the Lord Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God and the only Savior of men; in His atoning death on the cross; in His bodily resurrection; in His kingly authority over the nation; and in His coming again to receive His people to Himself."

III. Concerning the use of our pulpits by ministers of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.:

The question at issue here is not primarily our attitude toward liberalism or Barthianism in the church or the right to preach such in our pulpits. The real issue seems to be two-fold: What should our attitude be toward men who continue their identity with the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.? Are we responsible to guard our people from the preaching of such men? Generally, we favor barring of our pulpits to ministers of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

Some sort of explicit sessional care seems to be in order in any situation where a minister from the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. might occupy a pulpit in our church.

IV. Concerning intermarriage:

The Westminster Confession of Faith, reflecting the mandate of Scripture, states: "It is the duty of Christians to marry only in the Lord; and therefore such as profess the true reformed religion should not marry with infidels, papists, or other idolaters." (Chapter XXIV, Section 3)

A rigid application of this principle, resulting in the forbidding of marriage to United Presbyterians does not seem to be wise or warranted at this time, though it is possible that circumstances might make it a necessary position later on.

Catholicism, clearly and traditionally, has taught another gospel, thus making the issue of intermarriage relatively clear-cut. The issue of whether a marriage is "in the Lord" when a United Presbyterian is involved is not nearly so precise today. Regardless of the denomination to which an intended spouse may belong, the critical issue today is whether the Covenanter is truly marrying a person who loves and obeys Christ. Sessions should encourage their young people to seek to marry persons who are willing to leave *any* church or congregation where the truth is not preached nor taught. Certainly, in the case of the United Presbyterian Church, young people must be made to know the issues, and realize the official nature of the defection from truth. But the unofficial, personal, stand seems to be more important at this time than the official view of the church involved, so far as intermarriage is concerned.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In the light of the above report we would respectfully recommend:

1. That the Synod adopt this analysis of The Confession of 1967 and that the sections of this report entitled "Major Issues in the Confession of 1967" and "Subscription Vows" be published in the *Covenanter Witness*.
2. That we encourage ministers and laymen in our church to study this analysis and to disseminate it among friends from other denominations.
3. That the following revision be adopted to be inserted in the

BOOK OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT (Chapter II, Section 10):

The statement reading: "Certificates from other denominations shall be honored so far as matters of common faith are concerned, and the applicant shall satisfy the session of his acceptance of, and purpose to conform to the principles and practices of the Covenanter Church," shall be revised to read: "*An applicant from another denomination shall satisfy the session of his acceptance of the cardinal truths of the historic Christian faith and his purpose to conform to the principles and practices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.*"

4. That this revision be sent to sessions in overture to be voted upon and this vote be reported upon at the meeting of the Synod in 1969.

5. That the Board of Corporators of Geneva College be instructed to initiate through the college Board of Trustees a brief statement to be subscribed to by all future candidates for employment on the faculty and/or administration of the College. This would be consonant with the intention of Article III, Section 5 of the By-Laws of Geneva College. This subscription should be made in writing or orally, at the discretion of the college Board of Trustees. We would suggest the following statement:

As a candidate for a position in the (administration/faculty) of Geneva College I believe in "a divinely-inspired Bible; in the Lord Jesus Christ as the divine Son of God and the only Savior of men; in His atoning death on the cross; in His bodily resurrection; in His kingly authority over the nation; and in His coming again to receive His people unto Himself." (Statement, slightly amended, taken from the Geneva College bulletin, 1968-1970, p. 13).

6. "*That Sessions be instructed not to invite ministers of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., for occasional ministry of the Word in their pulpits, except in extraordinary instances, and even then only those whose fidelity to the Reformed Faith is well-known.*"

This recommendation is reasoned as follows:

A. That the Reformed Presbyterian Church might be consistent with the spirit of her Testimony.

Chapter XXI of the Testimony, para. 5, states, "When any church imposes sinful terms of communion—when the constitution is anti-scriptural—when the administration is corrupt, and attempts at its reformation have proved ineffectual, it is the duty of Christians to separate from it. . ." It seems highly inconsistent to invite into our pulpits those who have seen these "sinful terms", this "anti-scriptural constitution", this "corrupt administration", and the "ineffectual

attempts at reformation", and yet who have refused to perform what we believe is their Christian duty.

B. That the pioneering and unique nature of the defection of the United Presbyterian might be grasped in its true seriousness.

We have permitted occasional hearing of men who have been hymn-singers, or who have been baptistic, or who have held various other views differing from the Reformed Presbyterian view, but all these, serious though we view them, are not in the same class with the defection noted in this report. In the former instance, we delight to honor men from true Christian churches though they hold certain beliefs we feel are inconsistent with Scripture; in the latter case, the church involved has repudiated the Christian faith. The United Presbyterian Church has pioneered (in this country) in corporate defection. It has officially adopted an anti-scriptural confession. The seriousness of that departure puts this in a class by itself.

C. That our congregations might be spared a compromising influence.

The influence of accommodating ministers upon our church members will be far stronger if they are allowed to preach in our pulpits. Their presence there will be a silent but powerful voice that cries, "Look! I am still faithful to Christ, and remain in the United Presbyterian Church. It can be done!" This report assumes that such is not fully the case, nor can be under the Confession of 1967.

D. That our influence upon brethren in the United Presbyterian Church might be salutary.

It is not helpful in the long run to the many godly United Presbyterian ministers for us to seem to bypass this accommodation to untruth. Ministers who love Christ, and have received the gifts of Christ, and yet remain in the United Presbyterian Church, need our warnings and our criticism for Christ's sake. (Prov. 28:23; II Cor. 6:14). To unbelievers, such pulpit restriction will seem scandalous. But to true men of God, it might well be just the "surgery" that will bring healing, blessing, and reformation.

7. That sessions exercise care with regard to members of their congregation in the matter of marriage with a person of another denomination. That young people under their care be acquainted with the nature of defection from the truth, officially or unofficially endorsed by another denomination. That they seek to encourage young people to marry truly "in the Lord," and to marry such persons who would be willing, because of their loyalty to Christ, to leave any church or congregation where the truth of God's Word is not preached nor taught.

8. That approval be made of the payment of \$8.35 for expenses incurred by this committee.

John H. White
Joseph A. Hill
J. Paul McCracken
Norman M. Carson, Chairman

The Report of the Special Committee to Consider Paper Three was read and taken up item by item. Items 1 and 2 were amended and adopted. Item 3 was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

**Report Of The Special Committee To Consider
Paper No. 3**

The paper asked Synod to appoint a committee to consider the feasibility of appointing a director of public relations with such responsibilities as: supplying news to newspapers and religious periodicals and placing advertisements.

The committee does not deem it wise to put a person on salary for this purpose considering the other needs of the church. Public relations activities are very expensive as a rule and we would not advocate very much involvement in such activities by our Synod at this time. However, it would be well for Synod to have a publicity director who would see that the meetings of Synod are publicized as well as important activities between meetings of Synod. He might also give advice to congregations concerning publicity.

We recommend:

1. That Donald Weilersbacher be appointed for a two-year term as Publicity Director for the denomination with the responsibility to send important items of church news, having general interest, to the news media beginning January 1, 1969;
2. That an amount of money up to \$100 annually be made available to him from the Miscellaneous Fund for such expenses as clerical costs and postage;
3. That he be responsible to Synod through the Clerk who shall report his activities in the Clerk's report to Synod.

Willard McMillan
John Bailey
Ralph Joseph
Ralph Rohm

The Report of the Special Committee to consider Paper Four was read and taken up item by item. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Special Committee On Paper No. 4

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Paper No. 4, submitted to this committee, stated that "during

World War II the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America took note of the young men in its membership who were conscientious objectors; and officially certified them, through proper church channels, to the appropriate government departments. In this way, such young men could serve their country when called, and yet engage in activities other than military service.

"There are young men in the church today who are conscientious objectors and are facing the draft call."

"This paper is to request Synod to take such steps as may be necessary, in order that young men in our present period who are conscientious objectors, might be given opportunity -- when drafted -- to engage in other than military service."

The Synod of 1940 dealt with this issue, (Minutes of Synod, 1940, page 118). Their report read: "A fundamental principle of the Covenanter Church as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith is that God alone is Lord of the conscience. While the Church in its standards recognizes that there are just wars in which Christians may engage, yet there are some who are conscientiously persuaded that not only is war an evil in itself in which the follower of Christ can have no part, but also that army rule requires the violation of conscience in many different ways. Though the Church considers that the point of view of the conscientious objector is based on a mistaken interpretation of the Scriptures, yet in order to safeguard the rights of conscience for all, this Synod herewith grants to all genuine conscientious objectors the right to enroll with the clerk of Synod as members who out of a sense of loyalty to Christ cannot undertake military service.

"The Synod, through its proper officers, undertakes to secure exemption from such military service in case of war and conscription. A form of subscription should be prepared to be signed by conscientious objectors who wish to be enrolled."

Consequently, the Synod of 1940 prepared a form of subscription, as follows:

FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

"I am a member in good and regular standing of the _____ congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. I am conscientiously convinced that war is an evil in which I, as a follower of Christ, can have no part. I ask to be enrolled as a conscientious objector, and petition the proper officers of the Church to seek exemption for me from military service in case of war and conscription."

The Minutes of Synod of 1941 (pages 123-124) and of 1942 (page 130) record that the form was prepared and advertised in the "Covenanter Witness". Twelve men from five congregations signed

the forms and filed them with the clerk of Synod. There is no evidence that the twelve men ever made further use of them.

The government itself has made provision to protect the rights of the conscientious objector to bearing arms. Upon registration, he can do so as a conscientious objector. At each succeeding step, if drafted, he can register his objection to bearing arms, and will be assigned to non-combatant areas of service, such as the medical corps, etc.

If the conscientious objector is opposed to any participation in any form of warfare, he will be assigned to some government work, often construction or hospital work, where he will receive a private's basic pay plus a housing allowance. This is vastly different from the period of World War II, when the conscientious objector was assigned to a work camp, and had to support himself or be supported by his family.

Therefore your committee believes there is little that can be done to help the conscientious objector, beyond the provision already established by the government. However, in order to provide such help as possible for the one who is truly a conscientious objector and not merely seeking escape from military service, your committee recommends:

1. That the Synod make available *■ Form of Subscription For Conscientious Objectors* similar to that provided in 1940, with modification of wording by substituting the words "support me in seeking" for the word "seek" in the third sentence and elimination of the words "for me";
2. That it be filed with the Session of the petitioner's congregation, with copies being filed with the Local Draft Board upon registration, and with the Clerk of Synod for reference to the proper government agency when necessary.

C. E. Caskey
Donald Gordon
Milford Hays
Kermit S. Edgar, Chairman

By resolution, the Clerk of Synod was given authorization to draw on the Miscellaneous Fund up to \$150. during the year for clerical help.

Item 15 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on a Pastor's Refresher Course for 1969 - was read. It was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Committee On Pastor's Refresher Course For 1969

The Committee would respectfully report that it is our feeling that it would not be wise to try to have a Pastors' Refresher Course in

1969 due to the fact that we have had pre-Synodic activities two years in succession - the 1967 Pastors' Refresher Course and the 1968 Covenanter Conference. Another contributing factor to our thinking is the depletion of funds in this account at this time.

We would also call the attention of Synod to the fact that in 1970 we are planning a National Conference which would eliminate the possibility of a Pastors' Refresher Course that year.

We would recommend that Synod express itself as to whether they wish a Pastors' Refresher Course in 1971, and if so that a Committee be appointed to carry out this desire.

H. A. Hays
Richard Olson
K. S. Edgar
M. W. Martin, Chairman

Forty-six ministers and elders indicated by a show of hands that they would be interested in attending a Pastors' Refresher Course in 1971.

Item 14 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Insurance for travellers on Church Business - was presented. Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted. Recommendation 3 was amended and adopted. Recommendation 4 was adopted. The report was amended, adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Report Of Committee "To Investigate Insurance Of Those Travelling On Church Business"

Paper Five of the 1967 Synod dealt with "financial obligation toward expenses involved in accidents of those on church business." Our committee was appointed, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, when it reported on Paper Five. Our assignment was "to investigate the possibility of insurance coverage for those travelling on church business" and "to bring recommendations to our next Synod meeting." (Pages 6 and 84 of 1967 Minutes)

We would report that an insurance company, one of the leading casualty insurance companies, has offered to write a policy of business travel accident insurance to cover those travelling on church business. Tentatively, it seems that the plan would be somewhat like the following:

1. The policy would be issued to the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (the legally constituted body responsible for church business).
2. When any eligible group (i.e., the Synod, a Presbytery, a C.Y.P. U. group, a Board, a committee or some other group) would be using the insurance it would specify the coverage needed

for a specific meeting by a procedure to be provided.

3. Each group using the coverage would remit the cost of the use to the Church Treasurer.
4. That Church Treasurer would remit all premiums to the insurance company.
5. Each using group would initially complete an information sheet to give the insuring company the data needed so that a tentative rate could be calculated. (E. g., number of meetings per year, average attendance at meetings, places of meetings, modes of travel, etc.)
6. Initial rates would be set and they would be subject to review each year, based on the actual experience of the group.
7. It is necessary to describe those groups to be insured and what travel by them is to be covered travel. One way to do this would seem to be: travel on church business by any of the persons in a specified list of church groups. Tentatively, such a list might be as follows:
 - a) Members of and delegates to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and committees thereof
 - b) Members of the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the R.P. Church of N. A. and committees thereof
 - c) Members of the Boards of the Synod of the R.P. Church of N. A. and committees thereof
 - d) Members of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the R.P. Church of N. A. and committees thereof
 - e) Members of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College and committees thereof
 - f) Members of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College and committees thereof
 - g) Members of and delegates to the several Presbyteries and committees thereof
 - h) Members of the Ad Interim Commissions of the several Presbyteries (and committees thereof)
 - i) Members of and delegates to the Women's Synodical and committees thereof
 - j) Members of and delegates to the several Presbyterial Women's Missionary Societies and committees thereof
 - k) Members of and delegates to the National C.Y.P.U. and committees thereof
 - l) Members of and delegates to the several Presbyterial C.Y.P.U.'s and committees thereof
 - m) Members of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association and committees thereof
 - n) Members of the Board of Directors of the R.P. Woman's Asso-

ciation and of the Executive Board of the Association and of committees of each

- o) Members of the Auxilliary to the Board of Directors of the R.P. Woman's Association and committees thereof
- p) Members and delegates of any two or more of the groups designated in items (a) through (o) above attending a "National Conference" of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A. (defined as a concurrent meeting of two or more of the above designated groups) and any other persons also attending such "National Conference" whether or not such other persons are members or delegates of one of the groups.
- 8. The insurance company has stated that it will write a business travel accident policy to cover persons as described above.
- 9. The company proposal is as follows: "The benefit of each insured member would be \$5,000 accidental death and dismemberment and \$500 blanket accident medical reimbursement. The coverage provided would be 24 hour all accident protection while traveling on the business of the holder. The rate per insured person per activity day would be \$.10."

RECOMMENDATION 1:

That the Synod approve the proposition that "insurance coverage for those travelling on church business" be provided; subject to the conditions in Recommendation 2.

If Recommendation 1 is approved, the committee would make the following further RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2. That Synod's Board of Trustees be authorized to consider (and to approve, if it so decides) a policy to travel accident insurance coverage for those travelling on church business; and that the Board be authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary to secure such a policy of insurance coverage.
- 3. That the responsible officers or chairman of each group travelling on church business be authorized to provide this insurance coverage for the members of the group for all travel on church business.
- 4. That the Church Treasurer be authorized and directed to remit the premiums to the insurance company in such manner as shall be agreed upon by the Treasurer and the insurance company.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Merrill Robb
Robert H. Greenlee

Item 16 of Unfinished Business - the Committee to Study the Relationship of Christianity to the State did not report.

Item 22 of Unfinished Business - the Report of the Committee to Correlate Texts on a Christian State - was given orally, approved, and the committee continued to report to the Synod of 1969.

Item 23 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee

on Re-baptism of Catholics - was presented. It was recommitted to the same committee to report to next Synod.

The Report of the Committee on Arrangements and Devotions was read, adopted and is as follows:

Arrangements Committee

Your committee would respectfully report that the Devotional Services for Synod were planned using the theme: "The Lord Jesus Christ". Dr. R. Laird Harris, Professor of Old Testament at Covenant Seminary, was the guest speaker at the Sabbath evening union service. Professor Max Belz was the Conference speaker on Wednesday evening. His subject was: "The Confidence of a Regenerate Mind".

Arrangements have been made with Calvary Bible College for meals and housing of Synod's delegates. Our committee has been responsible for the duplication of reports and papers.

We would express our appreciation to Mr. Paul Martin, Mr. Jim Wright, and Mr. Robert Metcalfe for their availability and many services performed during this meeting of Synod. Your Chairman would like to thank publicly Mr. Clyde Redpath for the many hours of time which he gave in helping to plan for this meeting of Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That the expenses for the speakers, for duplicating and for transportation be paid from the collection received at Synod and from the Miscellaneous Fund.
2. That Synod's Assistant Clerk express by letter our appreciation to President Roger Andruss of Calvary Bible College for the hospitality which has been extended to the members of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. McFarland
Kenneth McBurney
David Patterson
Harold Faris
Clyde Redpath
John H. Tweed, Chairman

Item 24 of Unfinished Business - The Committee on Government Subsidies to Religious Organizations - did not report.

Item 25 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Questions in Church Government - was presented. Since this report dealt with four specific questions, they were taken up and acted on separately.

The recommendation to Question 1 was stricken and a substitute was adopted. Question 1 and the adopted recommendation

are as follows:

Question 1: Who May Call a Congregational Meeting?

According to our Book of Church Government, Section 3, Paragraph 12, special meetings of the congregation may be called by the Session or the Deacon Board. The question before the committee was: Does this mean that the Session alone is to call a special meeting of the congregation, or does it mean that the chairman of the congregation may call a special meeting of the congregation, or may both call a special meeting?

The Recommendation adopted by Synod is that anyone in the congregation must request the Session to call special meetings of the congregation.

Question 2 was recommitted to the committee.

The Recommendation to Question 3 was stricken.

The discussion on Question 4 was amended, and the recommendation was amended and adopted. Question 4 and the adopted recommendation are as follows:

Question 4: May the Congregation Make a Decision Contrary to the Counsel and Decision of the Deacon Board?

It is our feeling that the answer to this question is very clearly in the affirmative in the Book of Church Government, Chapter 5, Paragraph 14, as follows; "In matters which involve large financial outlay the board shall first obtain authority from the congregation." (See also Chapter 5, Section 16). It is the duty and privilege of the congregation to determine the amount of the Pastor's salary, and make decisions on major building programs. It is thus the feeling of the committee that congregations may see the necessity to make decisions contrary to the expressed decision of the Deacon Board. It must be done only when necessary for the welfare of the congregation and then done discreetly and in love.

The Recommendation adopted by Synod was that the congregations in all Christian love consider it their responsibility to direct the Deacon Board, contrary to the board's expressed decision, when it becomes necessary for the welfare of the congregation.

Item 26 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Procession of the Holy Spirit - was presented. It was received and the Clerk was instructed to place it in the Appendix with an expression of thanks to those corresponding.

The delegate to the 1968 N.A.E. Convention, John McMillan, gave an oral report about the convention which was accepted.

The final Report of the Nominating Committee was read. Items 9 and 10 were decided by election of Synod by ballot. Items 1-8 and 11-15 were adopted. The Report is as follows:

Report Of The Nominating Committee

1. Committee to canvass the vote on the overture ordered by last

Synod: John McIsaac, Chm., James Copeland, Howard Elliott.

2. Committee on Arrangements and Devotions for next Synod: Richard Olson, Chm., Robert McConaughy, A. W. Smith, J. A. Hill, H. C. Anderson, Harry Wilson.
3. Alternate to preach the Moderator's sermon at next Synod: Glenn McFarland.
4. Committee on Time and Place for the 1970 Synod: Keith Copeland, Chm., Donald Mullinnix, Edward Forest.
5. Committee on Secret Societies: Donald Weilersbacher, Chm., Donald Felker, R. P. Joseph, Jr., Robert Templeton.
6. Committee on Signs of the Times: S. B. Willson, Chm., J. G. Vos, Merrill Robb.
7. Congregations not having representatives at Synod to be written to:

to —

by —

Bear Run-Mahonning

Ralph Rohm

Lake Reno

R. P. Joseph, Sr.

Clarinda

Ray Milligan

Eskridge

Maurice Reed

Newburgh

William Ramsey

New York City

Chester Fox

Third Philadelphia

John Bailey

White Lake

H. C. Anderson

Manchester

John Steel

Rehoboth

H. E. McKelvy

8. Those to whom and by whom letters of remembrance should be written

to —

by —

Milton Harrington

John Tweed

Jerry Hayenga

Robert McMillan

T. M. Hutcheson

Clark Copeland

Gene Spear

A. D. Robb

Paul White

C. E. Caskey

Julius Kempf

Frank Allen

Walter R. McClurkin

Paul D. McCracken

Alvin W. Smith, Jr.

R. P. Joseph, Jr.

George Price

Marion McFarland

Philip Coon

Verd Dunn

Harold Thompson

Paul Faris

Donald W. Felker

Robert Milliken

M. K. Carson

M. W. Dougherty

Samuel Edgar

G. M. Robb

J. K. Gault

Wyley Caskey

R. Paul Matthews

J. Paul McCracken

D. Raymond McCracken

Robert More, Jr.

Frank L. Stewart	Wylie Kennedy
R. Paul Robb	John McMillan
John H. White	Robert McFarland
Robert R. Fullerton	Ron Nickerson
Charles T. Carson	S. Bruce Willson
David M. Carson	Wayne Spear
Norman Carson	K. G. Smith
Roy C. Fullerton	J. Paul Wilson
Joseph A. Hill	M. W. Martin
Robert B. Tweed	Roy Blackwood
J. G. Vos	E. R. Hemphill
D. R. Wilcox	Claude C. Brown
J. Burt Willson	J. E. McElroy
C. C. Christou	Robert Henning
Toshio Masunaga	Robert McCracken
F. F. Reade	Boyd A. White
William Smith	Harold B. Harrington

9. Vacancies on Boards:

Trustees Of Synod:

David R. Armstrong, Stewart M. Lee, H. E. McKelvy.

Board Of Home Missions And Church Extension:

J. O. Edgar, K. S. Edgar, Lou Hutmire, Glenn McFarland, John S. McIsaac, Donald Weilersbacher.

Board Of Pensions:

Ray Dill, Robert Morrow, G. M. Robb.

Board Of Superintendents, Theological Seminary:

J. D. Carson, J. O. Edgar.

Board Of Corporators, Geneva College:

E. Clark Copeland

Church Erection Board:

Harold Faris, T. R. Hutcheson, Clyde A. Redpath, Merlin Wing.

Christian Education Board:

J. D. Birdsall, D. W. Felker, Mrs. June McElroy, David Patterson, Samuel Wilkey.

Board Of Foreign Missions:

E. C. Copeland, Chester Fox, John M. McMillan, William K. Metcalfe, W. W. Weir. Miss Elisabeth Henderson was the Women's Synodical Missionary Society nominee to replace Mrs. Bertha Nimick.

Board Of Evangelism:

Roy Blackwood, Max Mann, Robert McFarland, Dean R. Smith, and Thomas Joseph to fill the unexpired term of Kenneth Meeker.

Board Of Publication:

Wilbur Copeland, T. R. Hutcheson, A. D. Robb, R. Paul Wright.

10. Vacancies on Permanent Committees:

Committee On Interchurch Correspondance And Study:

B. C. Stewart, S. B. Willson, Wendell McBurney

Oath Committee:

Roy M. Adams, R. W. Caskey, Rex Downey.

Stewardship Committee:

Kenneth McBurney, Chm., Howard Elliott, Robert McCrory, Darrell Parnell.

Temperance Committee:

J. L. Coon, R. E. Smith.

Assistant On Travelling Fund And Absences Committee:

Marion McFarland

Coordinating Committee:

J. O. Edgar, Chm., Robert More, Jr., Clerk; J. Paul Wilson, Ass't. Clerk.

Witness Committee:

Class of 1969: Roy M. Adams, Joseph M. Caskey, M. W. Martin.

Class of 1970: David M. Carson, Robert Milliken, John H. White.

Class of 1971: Norman M. Carson, Charles McBurney, John Schaefer.

11. Delegate to the N.A.E. Convention in Cincinnati, April 1969:

Roy Blackwood, Jr.

12. Delegate to represent Synod on Board of Administration of N.A.E.

D. Howard Elliott

13. Special Committees:

a. To Consider Recommendation 2 of the Christian Education Board:

John Edgar, Chm., Chester Fox, A. D. Robb, David Patterson.

b. To Consider Paper One and the Resolution Presented by M. W. Dougherty:

Robert B. Tweed, Chm., Charles Sterrett, G. M. Robb, Robert Millikin, Raymond Joseph, Sr., John Ramsey.

c. To Consider Paper Three:

W. McMillan, Chm., Ralph Joseph, John Bailey, Ralph Rohm.

d. To Consider Paper Four:

Kermit Edgar, Chm., Milford Hays, C. E. Caskey, Donald Gordon.

e. To Consider Papers Six and Eleven:

E. R. Hemphill, Chm., Herbert A. Hays, Robert McFarland, Maurice Reed, Harold Ward.

f. To Consider Recommendation 7 of the Report of the Covenanter Conference:

J. Paul Wilson, Chm., Robert More, Jr., Dale Smith.

g. To Consider Recommendations 9 and 10 of the Report of the Covenanter Conference:

Francis Buck, Chm., Robert Gross, Jr., Lester Kilpatrick, Verd Dunn.

h. To Consider Recommendation 11 of the Report of the Covenanter Conference:

James D. Carson, Chm., Joseph Caskey, Roy Adams, William Russell.

- i. To Prepare Study Guide on Covenant of 1871:
S. E. Boyle, Chm., Edwin McBurney, T. R. Smyth.
- j. To Revise the Credo on Civil Rights:
T. R. Hutcheson, Chm., John White Jr., Claude Brown, Gordon Betts, Robert McFarland
14. Convener of Representative Committee to Consider a Central Denominational Office in Pittsburgh:
S. Bruce Willson.
15. Two Ministers to Remain on the Nominating Committee at the Synod of 1969:
Lester E. Kilpatrick, Robert McMillan.

By special resolution Synod appointed Kenneth Sanderson and John Michaelides to serve three-year terms on the Peponiades Trust Fund Board.

Item 25 of Unfinished Business - The Report of the Committee on Questions in Church Government - was taken up. Question 2 and the amended recommendation were adopted as follows:

Question 2: Is Discussion Wise at the Meeting where a Vote is being Taken on Continuing the Pastoral Relationship?

The Synod of 1954 adopted a plan for the Continuance of Pastoral Relationships. Part of this plan instructed that the Clerk of Session take charge of the meeting and that there be no discussion before conducting the secret ballot. The question was raised to Synod asking if this law concerning no discussion were not contrary to the inalienable rights of the Presbyterian System of church government.

The Recommendation adopted by Synod is that no discussion be permitted at the meeting of the congregation called to act on the Continuance of Pastoral Relationships. No inalienable rights as specified in our Book of Church Government, Chapter 3, Section 10, are denied in conducting a secret ballot for the continuing pastoral relationship.

A substitute recommendation for Question 3 was presented by the Committee. Question 3 and the substitute recommendation were adopted and are as follows:

Question 3: Should the Deacons Receive a Copy of Financial Decisions made during the Deliberations of Church Courts?

The substitute recommendation adopted by Synod is as follows:

That we refer Deacon Board members to the summary of recommendations of Synod printed each year in the Covenanter Witness, and also to the Reports printed in the Minutes of Synod.

The delegates to the Synods of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, the Christian Reformed Church, and the Orthodox Presbyterian Chruch, M. W. Martin, Jerrold Milroy, and John McMillan respectively, reported that their assignments had been attended to.

The Report of the Covenanter Conference was taken up. Item 8 was committed to the Committee to Study the Scriptural Teaching on Alcohol and Tobacco. The Report was adopted as ■ whole and is as follows:

Report Of The Covenanter Conference

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The officers of the Covenanter Conference would respectfully report that we have carried out the assignment of the 1967 Synod committed to us "to plan and conduct" the Covenanter Conference.

Presbytery study committees were given general procedures to follow in the preparation of the reports; these reports were gathered and duplicated and bound in volumes and sent out to each of the delegates to the Conference for study; at the Conference each of the reports was given to a review committee for evaluation and recommendations; and then the whole Conference considered both the study and review papers.

48 out of a possible 50 delegates were present, which is one indication of the high interest. The cost of the Conference to the church when all the bills are paid will approximate \$1,500. It is the opinion of the officers of the Conference that this was a very valuable experience in the life of the Church, and we trust that much good will come out of it.

A special word ought to be said for the chairmen and the members of the study committees, for the reports indicate a tremendous volume of study material gone through in the preparation of the Reports. Rev. John Tweed and members of the Kansas City Congregation did much to make the meetings easier. Three young men served as pages during the Conference: Jim Wright, Paul Martin and Bob Metcalfe.

Charles McBurney, appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Conference, was unable to attend the Conference, although he had helped greatly in the plans for the Conference.

We are presenting below three areas: 1) Summary statements of the seven reports given to Synod; 2) Affirmations made by the Conference, and 3) Recommendations to pass along to Synod.

The following are summary statements of the seven Presbytery reports presented to the Conference. The study papers were 72 pages in length and in most cases were summaries of much greater study by respective presbyteries. Each of the seven reports was given to a review committee for the purpose of analysing the content and making recommendations regarding its disposition. All study reports and all review committee reports were considered by the Conference.

Summary Statements

Paper A - "Authority and Relevance of Scripture for Determining

standards for Faith and Life." - Iowa Presbytery.

The Iowa Presbytery dealt with the question of Requirements of Church Membership in the Old and New Testaments. In summary, the Old Testament requirements were:

1. Belief in Jehovah, the God of the Covenant.
2. Promise of Obedience to the Commands of God; such as, Ten Commandments, ceremonial law, tithing, etc.
3. The initiatory rite or sacrament of circumcision.

Failure to obey many of these commands led to severe disciplinary action and even death.

The heart of the New Testament requirement for Church membership was always: an open profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, together with an unqualified promise of obedience to Him. The N. T. Church, however, found it necessary to define this "promise of obedience" in certain specific terms dealing with the problems of the day, and seems to have required compliance with a list of "necessary things" to evidence that the profession was sincere. These specific requirements were in the areas of doctrine and Christian behaviour. These requirements became more complex as the Church developed and expanded, but the heart of the matter was, and must always be the same.

Paper B - "Interpretation and Application of Scripture to Terms of Membership" - Midwest Presbytery.

In considering the subject of Terms of Membership, conclusions should be drawn both from explicit statements of Scripture dealing directly with the matter and from good and necessary inferences or logical deductions from various Scriptural principles implicit in Scripture.

By this process we conclude that the church in Scripture had terms of membership and hence the church today should also. And by this process the church today should determine specifically what these terms are.

Paper C - "Scripture and the Authority of the Church to Define Church Membership." - New York Presbytery.

The Scriptures clearly indicate the authority of the apostles to define standards of church membership. The apostles authority to rule was transmitted to the elders as the permanent officers of the church, but the elders' authority is limited and defined by scripture. The whole church has a responsibility to maintain in purity the witness to the truth. In all preparation for baptism and church membership the Word of God is central and must be exalted. The authority of the church to define terms of church membership derives from Christ and is defined and limited by Scripture. It becomes operative through careful interpretation and application of Scripture.

Paper D - "Scriptural Basis for the Church's Witness to Changing Con-

ditions" - Ohio-Illinois Presbytery.

This report concludes that the Church is to bear witness to changing conditions through her teaching ministry, through her oversight and discipline, and through her written statements. It concludes, on the other hand, that the church is not warranted to do so through Terms of Communion or through the Sacraments.

Paper E - "Relationship between 'Terms of Membership' and 'Terms for Admission to the Sacrament' ". - Pacific Coast Presbytery.

This paper begins on the premise that the New Testament Church had identical terms of communion and terms of membership. Then the report proceeds to try to show that there is now cause for having different terms of membership and terms of communion. It would seem that the argument is based primarily on the following ideas:

- 1) There was no denominationalism in the New Testament and therefore the New Testament does not speak regarding a restricted sacrament.
- 2) The personal nature of the individual's participation in the sacrament.
- 3) As social conditions change, the terms of communion may also change to the extent that these differ from the terms of membership.

The paper therefore concludes . . . "We recommend that Synod appoint a special committee to study the feasibility of granting to Sessions broader powers of discretion in admitting to the Sacraments individuals of evangelical belief and practice."

The Review Committee believes that the report has some serious errors. The major ones are as follows:

- 1) While there was no denominationalism *per se* in the New Testament, it would seem to us that there were divisions and the seeds of denominationalism and that therefore the New Testament does speak concerning a separated sacrament.
- 2) There is a serious lack of regard concerning the corporate nature of the church and of the sacraments. There is with this a lack of the Covenant Concept as it relates to the Church and the Sacraments.
- 3) There is a need for further consideration regarding the Church's discipline as it applies in the area of the sacraments.

Paper F - "Scriptural Guidelines to Determine the Extent of the Corporate Witness of the Church in the Political Sphere" - Pittsburgh Presbytery.

The guidelines which determine the extent of the corporate witness of the church in the political sphere are based on explicit statements and good and necessary deduction of the Scripture. The explicit

judicial commands given to Israel are considered to be normative for all civil government today; although the specific system of penalties of these laws expired with the O. T. state of Israel. Likewise, the N. T. doctrine regarding the nature of the Church and its responsibility to God in all areas, by good and necessary consequences, requires that it bear a corporate witness to the Kingship of Christ over the state.

The corporate witness of the church in the political sphere is that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is King, and individuals participating in the political sphere (rulers), and groups of individuals acting as corporate political entities (nations) should acknowledge Christ's authority if they are to reap God's blessing and to avoid His wrath and judgment.

The corporate witness of the Church in the political sphere must be carried out by individual members of the Church, who as citizens of the state, in obedience to the Word of God, with consciences enlightened by the Holy Spirit, seek *to bear witness together* to Christ's Kingship over the state.

The Church as a corporate body should seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and use the influence of the Church courts to bear witness to the biblical principles of civil government.

Paper G - "Scriptural Guidelines to Determine the Extent of the Corporate Witness of the Church in the Sphere of Personal and Social Conduct" - St. Lawrence Presbytery.

This report prompted the Conference to reaffirm the church's position in opposition to organized secrecy, and in separation from apostate religious organizations.

We asked Synod to prepare a statement to be added to the Testimony condemning racial discrimination; to study the problem of compulsory non-Christian labor-unionism; to define the terms drunkard, drunkenness and drunk; and to do further study of Biblical arguments against the use of tobacco.

Affirmations

1. We affirm our belief that the Scriptures are the Word of God and the "only infallible rule of faith and life" and are therefore authoritative for determining terms of church membership.
2. We affirm that the Church have terms of membership:
 - a. Both by explicit statements of Scripture and by "good and necessary consequences from scripture", the church today should have terms of membership.
 - b. What the terms are must also be determined by explicit statements of Scripture or by good and necessary consequences from Scripture.

3. We believe the position of our Declaration and Testimony is applicable not simply to Reformed Presbyterians but is what we believe should be applicable universally.
4. We believe that the Christian Church has the Scriptural authority to require more than a simple profession of faith and obedience in determining eligibility for church membership.
5. We believe that the confessional concept (all members committed to and bound by the corporate testimony) held by our church through the years is Biblically sound and should not be abandoned.
6. We believe the authority of the church to define church membership derives from Christ and is defined and limited by Scripture. It becomes operative through careful interpretation and application of Scripture.
7. We believe the practice of maintaining a testimony-in-writing is Biblically warranted and therefore should be maintained and continued.

Recommendations

1. That study be given to the implications involved in the fact -- in the worship of the Old Testament church -- the command to pay the tithe appears as binding and as mandatory, as the command to sing the Psalms. (Suggest reference to the Stewardship Committee).
2. That section one of the Ohio-Illinois study paper relative to the Witness of the church to changing conditions through her teaching ministry be referred to the Board of Christian Education.
3. That a study be made of the following:
 - a. recommendations of the review committee of the Pacific Coast study paper with special attention to Item 9: That a committee be appointed "to study the extent of corporate fellowship with other denominations in the area of the sacraments".
 - b. recommendation of the study committee of Pacific Coast Presbytery "that Synod appoint a special committee to study the feasibility of granting to Sessions broader powers of discretion in admitting to the Sacraments individuals of evangelical belief and practice".

(Suggest reference to committee called for in the report of the committee to consider Paper No. 6)
4. a. That the church reaffirm her position in opposition to organized secrecy as stated in the Testimony, Chap. xxii, Sec. 5 and Error 7.
b. That Synod consider adding further proof text to Chap. xxii, Sec. 5.
5. That II John 9-11 be added as an additional proof text in Chapter

21 of the Declaration and Testimony, Sections 5, 6, and 7.

6. That Synod appoint a special committee of Synod to prepare a statement to be added to the church's Testimony against racial discrimination and that in addition to Gal. 3:27-28 and Eph. 6:6-8, Acts 17:26 be suggested as Scripture proof texts. (See page 66 of the Conference Reports).
7. That Synod study the need for a statement regarding compulsory non-Christian Labor Unionism and for including such a statement in the church's corporate Testimony. (Cf. Rev. 2:18-29; Rev. 3:14-22, Acts 16:14, Acts 19:23 ff, Acts 18:2-3) (Suggest reference to a special committee.)
8. That study be given to the definition of the terms "drunkard", "drunkenness" and "drunk" in the light of the doctrines of sin and grace. (Suggest reference to the Temperance Committee.)
9. That Synod give further study to the Biblical arguments to be used to encourage abstinence from tobacco, and of the reasons why only ordained men are required to abstain from use of tobacco.
10. That there be the formation of a Study Committee including medical men and ordained men to determine the relevancy of our Testimony to the pressing problems of drug addiction and related matters.
11. That Synod review and revise, if necessary, our statement of terms of membership and, in so doing, consider the following questions:
 - a. What is the distinction in the use of the terms "fellowship", "communion" and "membership"? (Cf. New York Presbytery study and review papers).
 - b. Should the terms of membership consist only of broad Scriptural principles, or include specific applications of those principles?
 - c. Should the statement of the "Covenant of Church Membership" also be used as the "Terms of Communion"?
 - d. Should the Covenant of Church Membership be identical with the requirements for admission to the Lord's Supper?
12. That the Conference make available to Synod the stencils for the Conference study and review papers to reproduce copies as needed for study committees as authorized by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
James D. Carson, Chairman
Melville W. Martin, Secretary

Letters of Greeting from the Rev. J. A. C. Blair, Moderator of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, the Rev. Paul Schrottenboer of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, and the Rev. William Shell of the

Orthodox Presbyterian Church were read to the Synod.

A Resolution from the Clerk of Synod was read, adopted and is as follows:

1. That Reports of Boards and Committees to the 1969 Synod be in the hands of the Clerk by April 23, 1969 for printing in the Digest.
2. That since a limit of 1200 words was set originally for reports in the Digest, that reports be kept as succinct as possible consonant to the purpose of the report.
3. That Sessions be reminded of their responsibility of voting on overtures and sending in the results of their vote before the deadline.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary was excused from the Digest at their request.

The Report of the Committee Concerning the Transfer of Materials from Synod's Office to the Christian Education Office was read, adopted and is as follows:

Report Of Committee Concerning The Transfer Of Materials From Synod's Office To The Christian Education Office

We recommend:

1. That the net proceeds from the sale of materials from Synod's office, shall revert to Synod's Miscellaneous Fund until the present edition of the Psalter is exhausted.
2. That when it becomes necessary to have a new printing of the Psalter, the costs be provided by a Revolving Fund, to be set up at that time, and which will be held by the Board of Christian Education.
3. That when this Revolving Fund is set up, all monies from sale of materials shall go into the Revolving Fund.
4. That the cost of moving materials from Synod's office to the Christian Education office, and the cost of shelving at the Christian Education office, be charged to Synod's Miscellaneous Fund.

John O. Edgar, Chairman
Chester R. Fox
David Patterson
A. D. Robb

The Minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.

Synod adjourned singing Psalm 133 and in prayer by Frank Allen.

Synod stands adjourned to meet at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1969 at 6:30 p.m.

APPENDIX

Memoir Of Rev. James Renwick Patterson, D.D.

The whole church was saddened by the early passing of Dr. J. Ren Patterson on March 9, 1968, nearly nine years short of man's allotted three score and ten.

James Renwick Patterson was born at New Alexandria, Pennsylvania on November 15, 1906, the son of godly parents John Baird and Margaret Forsyth Patterson. Shortly thereafter the family moved to the vicinity of Mars, Pa., where he united with the Union Congregation in 1918 by profession of his faith in Jesus Christ.

He was educated in the public schools of Butler County, Pa., and taught school there for one year. In 1931 he was graduated from Geneva College with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering and was the recipient of the Engineering Prize. God had larger purposes for him, and that summer laid on him the call to the gospel ministry. In the fall of 1931 he entered the R. P. Theological Seminary from which he was graduated in 1934. He was licensed to preach the gospel by Pittsburgh Presbytery May 9, 1933. He was ordained to the gospel ministry on March 14, 1935, by Kansas Presbytery, and was installed pastor of Eskridge Congregation. Geneva College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1953.

His ministry was from the Pacific to the Atlantic. He served pastorates at Eskridge, Kansas from 1935 to 1937; at Los Angeles, California from 1937 to 1948; at Central-Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from 1948 to 1951; and at New York City, N. Y. from 1962 until his death. During the years 1951 to 1962 he served the National Reform Association as its Executive Secretary.

On February 10, 1936, he was united in marriage to Miss Corinne E. Kerr of Olathe, Kansas, who labored faithfully with him in all his ministry, and in the work of the National Reform Association.

When ones talents and training are dedicated to the Lord, He uses them in marvelous ways. Mr. Patterson's training in engineering was evident throughout his ministry, and in some ways made it unique.

First of all he was a preacher whose analytical mind and keen perception enabled him to present the truth of God as the answer to the needs of man, with remarkable precision and clarity.

He was a builder, who loved to work with his hands. While at Los Angeles he had a large and sacrificial part in the building of the present place of worship. Also, during World War II he worked for two years in the engineering department of the Lockheed Aircraft Cor-

poration as a liaison engineer on the power plant of the B-17 Bomber, and as Class B design engineer. At Central-Pittsburgh he conceived the possibility of and developed a summer camp for their young people, which later became presbyterial in its scope. While with the National Reform Association he founded the Patterson Press, as a means of enlarging the witness of the Association.

He was a reformer who wanted to be identified with the cause of civic righteousness. He answered the call to leadership of the National Reform Association in 1951, and from 1955 to 1962 served as its Executive Secretary, and as Editor of the "Christian Statesman". True to his engineering training he programmed a more efficient presentation of the many facets of the Association's witness. He represented the Association on the Federated Legislative Committee of Pennsylvania, and on the National Temperance and Prohibition Council in Washington, D.C., where he served on the Executive Committee and testified before Senate and House hearings on moral issues. Dr. Patterson searched the early history of the National Reform Association and found its great witness had been to the Sovereignty of Christ over the nation. He had a dream of a day when that would again be its major emphasis for he was thoroughly convinced it was basic to all reform.

He was a missionary at heart, for in the New York City pastorate he chose to serve an integrated area in which he could minister to the underprivileged. The last year and a half he taught printing at Camp Madison, a camp for school dropouts under the New York City Youth Board, giving to many their only contact with the gospel.

He was a servant of the Church, and served on the Board of Trustees of Geneva College for almost twenty years and on the Board of Superintendents of the Seminary for eighteen years; on the Witness Committee and the Oath Committee for many years, and during his last pastorate on the Board of Foreign Missions.

On March 13, 1968, he was laid to rest in the Reformed Presbyterian Cemetery in Bronxville, New York. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Corinne Kerr Patterson and by two sons, Rev. David R. and Paul K. Patterson, and by two daughters, Sheryl C. and Marilyn J. Patterson, and by three grandchildren. We commend them to the Savior and Lord whom he loved and served.

He was trained as an engineer whose work is to visualize and build for a better tomorrow, with materials that will stand the strain, using the genius of his profession. God called him to a higher vision of a better tomorrow, the Kingdom of God; to build on that foundation that shall stand all tests, the Lord Jesus Christ; working not with wood and steel and stone, but with men with immortal souls; depending not on the genius of man, but directed and empowered by the Spirit of God; following not engineering blue prints, but that of the Word of God, the Master Engineer, that there might arise a holy

temple unto the Lord, to Whom be all glory. And only God can know the contribution he has made.

James Renwick Patterson could say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." And he could add with all assurance, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day."

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"Seeking For A Response To The Word When It Is Preached"

It must be said at the outset that the issue raised by this theme involves not only methods, but our whole theological perspective regarding the redemptive work of God.

I. A RESPONSE IS NECESSARY

Reformed Churches, generally speaking, have minimized the subjective response to the gospel on the part of the sinner, and stressed rather the objective work of God and the Holy Spirit in the salvation experience. Rev. S. H. Walters reflects this when he says, "Do we give ourselves spiritual birth by believing? How impossible! We were passive in our first birth, and we are passive in our rebirth. It is God's work alone through His Holy Spirit." 1.

Traditionally Reformed thinking gives this order to the steps of salvation: Election (or predestination), Calling, Regeneration, Faith, Repentance, Justification, Sanctification, Glorification. This quite obviously make "*faith*" a result, rather than a cause of "*new birth*". And yet, though technically this is correct, in the practical operation of gospel presentation the division will not appear so clear-cut, if it appears at all. Paul told the Philippian jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved . . ." (Acts 16:31) not, "Be saved, and thou shalt believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." There can be no doubt that God had already stirred the jailer's heart, or else he would not have stood there trembling, seeking to know how to be saved. Nor do we doubt that Paul believes in the order of events listed above (see Romans 8:29,30) but still in the actual interview he calls for the subjective response. Thus, although our Reformed theology does govern our approach to sinners, it does not eliminate the subjective element in that approach. It will recognize the sovereign working of God, but at the same time it doesn't overlook the "means" God uses to accomplish His ends.

Now, inasmuch as our attention in this study is directed to the matter of "seeking for a response", the particular "steps" in the order of salvation that concern us here are "Calling, Regeneration, Faith, and

Repentance", which four can hardly be separated. Consider the definition of "Effectual Calling" which includes these steps: (Larger Catechism question No. 67) "Effectual Calling is the work of God's almighty power and grace, whereby (out of his free and special love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto) he doth, in his accepted time, invite and draw them to Jesus Christ, by His Word and Spirit; savingly enlightening their minds, renewing and powerfully determining their wills, so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) are hereby *made willing and able freely to answer his call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein.*" That there is to be a "response" when God calls is very evident here. And it is in fact a response which involves the "will". Thus, to say that salvation involves an act of the will is consistent with Reformed thinking.

However, this raises a question - - - If man is totally depraved, and spiritually "dead" in trespasses and sins, is it reasonable to appeal to him for a response? The answer is yes. For God has ordained this appeal (call) to be a "means" whereby he is savingly enlightened and reborn. Dr. Thomas Sproull, Professor of Theology in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary (1838-1845, 1856-1874), deals with this problem in this way: "It is objected; that if men in their natural state are unable to believe, then it is useless to offer to them the benefits of the gospel. To this I answer, 1. That sinners have a natural understanding and will. They are endowed with the faculty of considering what is for their good, and the power to accept it. What ever the mind perceives to be good, the will accepts. Thus constituted, it is most reasonable to use arguments to convince the understanding and determine the will to what is right. In offering salvation to sinners they are dealt with as rational beings. 2. The word addressed to the understanding and through it to the will is the divinely appointed means of communicating ability. God has established a connection between the means and the end, and therefore we should use the means to attain the end."². In practical operation, this means that we make our appeal to sinners just as though they can respond, even though we know they cannot, apart from the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

II. GOD'S MESSENGER MUST CALL FOR THE RESPONSE

The above explains why so many of the appeals that Scripture addresses to the sinner are directed to his will, and in fact demand a response of that will. For example: "Come unto me". (Matt. 11:28); "Repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15); "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15); "Follow me" (Matt. 4:19); "Seek ye the Lord . . . Let the wicked forsake his way" (Isaiah 55:6,7); etc. Iain Murray in his opening remarks of the pamphlet, "The Invitation System" states this point very well, "Wherever preaching has ceased to require an individual response and wherever hearers are left

with the impression that there is no divine command requiring their repentance and faith, true Christianity has withered away. The presentation of Christianity as a rehearsal of facts, without any attempt to apply these facts to the conscience, and without a call to trust in Jesus as a mighty Saviour, falls far short of Apostolic preaching.” 3.

That this appeal to respond comes through the Word and Spirit is beyond dispute, but we should note also that Christians, individually and collectively, are appointed of God to *make* this appeal. A most impressive passage which bears this out is II Corinthians 5:20 which states: “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.” The gospel is God’s message and God’s call, but we as His ambassadors are appointed to deliver it. We cannot present any less of a message than he gives us to deliver without being unfaithful ambassadors. Thus if God’s Word calls for a definite response to Christ, then we, in delivering that Word, must also call for a response. In Revelation 22:17 it is not only the “Spirit”, but also the “Bride” that says “Come”. And the “Bride” is surely the Church. If we are not calling for a “response” in our presentation of the gospel, then we are not dealing faithfully with the gospel message. Moses demonstrates the point when he says (Deut. 30:19) “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live”. J. I. Packer says: “The message begins with information and ends with invitation”. 4.

III. THE RESPONSE THAT IS SOUGHT

This brings us to the practical question, what “response” are we seeking? Surely we will find ourselves confused if we do not have a clear understanding of the goal toward which we strive. In presenting the gospel to a non-Christian, we must say with Christ, “Repent, and believe”, (Mark 1:15) then seek in both these areas a distinct response.

“Repentance” according to the definition in our Catechism, “is a saving grace whereby a sinner out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience”. If the sinner is responding to God in repentance, it will be evident in his attitude, his conversation, his confession. He will respond under Spirit-brought conviction, manifesting a realization that he has offended and grieved His Creator and Lord. Packer says: “To be convicted of sin means, not just to feel that one is an all-round flop, but to realize that one has offended God, and flouted His authority, and defied Him, and gone against Him and put oneself in wrong with Him.” 5. Hence, there will be a willingness to forsake every known sin. This repentance is what we seek, and what we should look for in respect to the old life.

Then we will also seek "belief in The Lord Jesus Christ". This, like repentance is an act of the whole person, involving the mind, heart and will. Faith must have as its basis knowledge. Calvin Cummings states, "Faith is a conviction based upon evidence. The evidence must be sufficient to convince the mind. Unless the intellect is convinced, we can never truly believe".⁶ So in seeking a response of "faith", we should ascertain whether sufficient knowledge has been received, and if the intellect has been convinced. "The next thing necessary", John Calvin says, is "that what the mind has imbibed be transferred to the heart. The word is not received in faith when it merely flutters in the brain, but when it has taken deep root in the heart, and become an invincible bulwark to withstand and repel all the assaults of temptation."⁷ How can this be determined? We can judge only externally. But the response should indicate "a voluntary turning from all hope and grounds based on self-merit, and assuming an attitude of expectancy toward God, trusting Him to do a perfect saving work based only on the merit of Christ."⁸ The Catechism states that the response of faith includes "receiving and resting upon Jesus Christ alone for salvation, as He is freely offered to us in the gospel" (Q. 86). Faith will respond by embracing Jesus Christ, and making full commitment to Him. This response of Repentance and Faith may rightly be called a "decision" because it involves a conscious change on the part of the sinner.

IV. HOW MAY THE RESPONSE BE SOUGHT?

This brings us to the primary question of this study, namely, how may we "press for this response" in a practical, yet truly Scriptural manner. We feel that the words of Dr. Packer in this matter are a real warning to us when he says: "If we regarded it as our job, not simply to present Christ, but actually to produce converts --- to evangelize not only faithfully, but also successfully --- our approach to evangelism would become pragmatic and calculating. We should conclude that our basic equipment, both for personal dealing and for public preaching, must be two-fold. We must have, not merely a clear grasp of the meaning and application of the gospel, but also an irresistible technique for inducing a response. We should therefore, make it our business to try and develop such a technique. And we should evaluate all evangelism, our own and other people's, by the criterian, not only of the message preached, but also of visible results. If our own efforts were not bearing fruit, we should conclude that our technique still needed improving. If they were bearing fruit, we should conclude that this justified the technique we had been using. We should regard evangelism as an activity involving a battle of wills between ourselves and those to whom we go, a battle in which victory depends on our firing off a heavy enough barrage of calculated effects.

Thus our philosophy of evangelism would become terrifyingly similar to the philosophy of brainwashing.”⁹ It is God that saves by the powerful working of His Holy Spirit; and if we ever lose sight of that, we will inevitably produce “sham converts”, or as Packer puts it, “be guilty of turning publicans into Pharisees”.

Yet we cannot avoid our responsibility for there is the obligation of the “ambassador” to “beseech as God beseeches”, and to invite and urge in Christ’s stead. Paul was sent to the Gentiles, “to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light”. (Acts 26:18). That word “turn” means to convert. It is our responsibility to confront the sinner with the claims of Christ, and then to urge him to repentance and faith.

One common method of seeking for this decision in our day has been the “altar call”, whereby following the preaching of the Word, sinners are asked to respond to Christ by coming to the front as a public commitment of their lives to Him, and there to receive further counsel and instruction, and some literature to aid in Christian growth.

That this “altar call” method through the years has been grossly abused is known by all. One of our pastors comments, “I have been in churches where the pressure was applied. If you resisted an invitation to come forward and get saved, then you were invited to come forward to “get sanctified”. People sometimes went through the congregation, and finding a sinner they felt should respond, would whisper urging him to act. Meantime verse after verse of the hymn would be sung and the curious would peek through partly closed eyelids at the embarrassed victim. I can imagine such a person becoming resentful. Such a practice is justified with the argument; ‘It’s better to be embarrassed here in a church service, than to be embarrassed at the Judgement’”.

Recognizing such abuses as these, the Christian Reformed Synod reports: “It stands to reason, we would much discourage the so-called altar call. It is too spectacular. And it is clearly based on the theory that natural man’s will is free to accept Christ, and that almost anything that can be used successfully to make a man say, ‘Yes, I accept Christ’, is permissible. The altar call doubtless fosters mere emotionalism and shallow externalism. The undue application of pressure, which the altar call so easily produces, is certainly below the dignity of the sacred Gospel.”¹⁰

Still another objection to the altar call is that it may produce false assurances. Even Lewis Sperry Chafer states: “A leader with a commanding personality may secure the public action of many when the issue is made one of religious merit through some public act. Under such an impression, a serious person may stand in a meeting who has no conception of what is involved in standing by faith on the Rock Christ Jesus; or he may be persuaded to abandon his natural timidity when he knows nothing of abandoning his Satanic tendency to self-help, and

by resting by faith on that which Christ has done for him. If questioned carefully, the basis of assurance with all such converts will be found to be no more than a consciousness that they have acted out the program prescribed for them.” 11.

Dr. R. J. George, although favoring the use of an “after-meeting”, warns against certain hazards in the invitation. He says, “We must be careful not to substitute some outward act for the one essential thing, viz., receiving Christ. It would be a sad mistake if the awakened sinner should be led to feel that by rising for prayer, or by going into an inquiry meeting, he had won salvation.” 12.

Iain Murray objects to the “Invitation System” for many reasons, among them the following: “It proceeds on the assumption that coming to the front is tantamount to, if not identical with coming to Christ”. (pg. 8). And again, “The whole invitation system inevitably gives the impression that confessing Christ by moving forward is in order to conversion”. (pg. 8). The implication is that “failure to respond in the manner required (i.e. coming forward) is a deliberate refusal to obey God”. (pg. 14). All of which he considers not true. And again he says, “Our charge is that the invitation system leads inevitably to the danger of hastening unregenerate men to confess their ‘faith’”, (pg. 22), and “that it institutes a condition of salvation which Christ never appointed”. (pg. 26). Murray’s conclusion is that if “the invitation system” is wrong (and he thinks it is) then it should be given up. But what does he suggest as an alternative? He states only, “The great aim is to ‘set forth’ the Object (Jesus Christ), and not to explain the act of faith. Let there be conviction, illumination and renewal, and faith becomes the instinctive response of the quickened soul to the presentation by God of His Christ”. (pg. 30).

This objective is right, but the question remains unanswered, how should this response be sought and encouraged? Assuming general agreement that the message is all important, still in delivering the message we are confronted inevitably with method. That God has used the “altar call” to bring many to a vital living relationship with Himself is undeniable, both in our own church’s experience and in the experience of others. Furthermore, since we believe it is Scriptural to seek a response when the gospel is preached we conclude that not all invitations at the close of preaching services are bad, too emotional, or Arminian. There can be a very proper and scriptural use made of the public invitation. The words used in the invitation should be as carefully planned as the words of the message that precedes it. It should not be vague, use Arminian terminology, use undue emotional pressure, or employ psychological tricks. It should not imply that any physical act such as raising the hand or walking to the front, contributes to or helps one merit the saving work of Christ. Rather, the invitation should reproduce as faithfully as possible the invitations of Christ and

Scripture. (i.e. "Come unto Me"; "Repent ye, and believe the gospel"; "That is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ"; "let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord"; "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"; etc. etc.)

The response to such Scriptural invitations must be an *inner response of the heart*, but a person might well be asked to give expression of this response in some public way. One author gives a very acceptable proposal. He says, "The real value of public methods may be secured and many evils avoided if, after explaining the way of life and during a season of silent prayer, the unsaved are asked to accept Christ by a conscious act of the will, directed in definite silent prayer to God. Such a decision may then be greatly strengthened by an immediate public confession of Christ. The vital difference in question is, however, that such are then confessing that they have believed on Christ, rather than making a confession in order that they may be saved. After such an appeal, an opportunity should be made for personal conversation with any who believe that they have accepted Christ by faith, or any others who may have honest difficulties. In this conversation the individual's exact understanding of the step may be ascertained and his faith strengthened." 13.

The "altar call" in this context serves two very distinct purposes. *One*, it gives opportunity for the new believer to testify publicly regarding God's saving work in his heart, and further to discuss, confirm and strengthen his "decision" through Christian counsel. *Two*, it gives to "anxious" souls under conviction, who were not prepared to respond to Christ, opportunity to seek and investigate the gospel further with one of Christ's ambassadors. This respondent would be rightly termed an "inquirer". These two purposes could be clearly stated in any invitation to come to the front.

When an anxious soul does come seeking help, it is our opportunity, as in all personal evangelism, to direct them to the Saviour in private conversation, not just laying out the facts before the, but also urging them to respond, believing the facts and receiving the Person Jesus Christ. This response, again, will be an inner response of their heart to God, communicating with Him in either silent or audible prayer. You can serve as a witness to this conversation with God, and your ears can serve to hear their first public confession of Christ. You can help them base their assurance of salvation on the Word, and help also by challenging and encouraging them in their continuing response to Christ.

There are other occasions in which people may rightly take, or be invited to take a public stand. Some of them are listed as follows:

- " 1. To stand as a sign of their adherence to a Call
- 2. To come forward and accept a communion token from an elder

3. To stand or to come forward or to sign their name as testimony of their adherence to a Covenant
4. To come forward to present a child in baptism
5. To come up on the pulpit and publicly give assent to the terms of Communion, or Terms of Membership
6. To remain seated after a service as an expression of a desire for counsel (or to raise one's hand, or to come forward)
7. To retire publicly to a prayer room or designated place for prayer, or for counsel
8. To sign a temperance pledge
9. To fill out a card indicating the areas of one's life where help is needed; or to declare one's purpose of new obedience, or to state one's desire for help in receiving Christ
10. To come forward and kneel as an expression of your confession of sin and of your profession of Christ
11. To express publicly their intention to enter the Gospel ministry, or to offer themselves for mission service, or any variety of other areas of Christian service
12. To go forward in a service and to confess publicly some part in a scandal or public sin, and to ask the forgiveness of the congregation
13. Also, there are times when it is a good testimony for a believer to get up and leave a service as a protest against heresy, or blasphemy."

A dramatic Biblical illustration of an invitation to take a public stand is found in Exodus 32:26 where Moses, after coming down from Mt. Sinai and finding the children of Israel worshiping a golden calf, "Stood in the gate of the camp, and said, 'Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me.' And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him". This certainly was a type of invitation system.

Hence we draw the following conclusions:

1. That calling for a response when the Gospel is preached is Scriptural, and that it is necessary to the faithful and full preaching of the Word, and is in accord with the Reformed system of doctrine.
2. That the response we seek to gospel-preaching is repentance, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, both of which are inner transactions of the soul with God.
3. That, although there are many abuses to avoid, the *public* invitation to "respond" may be used with profit, and should be employed more frequently in our churches.
4. That the "altar call" (i.e. calling persons to come to the front in a gospel service) should be clearly explained to be either an invitation to make further inquiry, or to give testimony and public confession

of one's decision to follow Christ.

5. That inviting people to take a public stand is useful in a variety of situations.

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Report Of The Committee To Study The Scriptural Teaching On Alcohol And Tobacco

The committee which was appointed to study *The Scriptural Teaching on Alcohol and Tobacco*, submits the following report:

CONSIDERATION I – FROM A STUDY OF THE WORDS TRANSLATED "WINE" AND THE USE OF SOME SIGNIFICANT VERBS IN SCRIPTURE, CAN ONE CONCLUDE THAT THE USE OF FERMENTED WINE AS A BEVERAGE IS FORBIDDEN?

It will be clearer if we state at the beginning the conclusion reached, namely, that it is not possible by a study merely of the nouns and verbs used for wine and drinking to conclude that the use of fermented wine is forbidden in the Bible.

It has not been possible to study every text in which "wine" is

used - in the Old Testament it appears 195 times, and is used to translate 13 different Hebrew words (Charles Wesley Ewing, "The Bible and its Wines"). There are 637 references in the Bible to drink and drinking (Bertha Rachel Palmer, "The Bible and the Use of the Word 'Wine'"). Here we shall confine our Old Testament study almost entirely to the Hebrew word YAYIN which appears 134 times.

Some examples where YAYIN clearly means fermented wine: Gen. 8:21 - Noah was drunk; Gen. 19:30-35 - Lot became drunk; Prov. 20:1 - wine is a mocker; Prov. 23:31, 32 - look not upon it; Prov. 31:4, 5 - not for kings.

Ewing tells us that sometimes YAYIN refers to unfermented wine: Jeremiah 40:10 - gather ye wine and summer fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels - probably grapes are to be gathered. Isaiah 55:1 - buy wine and milk without money - the wine probably grape juice boiled into syrup or jam and put in vessels or animal skins to keep for future use, as was frequently done.

The Hebrew word most often used, after YAYIN, is TIYROWSH. It refers, as a rule, to blessings, not drunkenness. Isa. 65:8 - "As the new wine (TIYROWSH) is found in the cluster". Judges 9:13 - "wine, which cheereth God and man".

In Hosea 4:11, however, we read: "Whoredom and wine (YAYIN) and new wine (TIYROWSH) take away the heart." Here it must refer to fermented wine.

Turning to the New Testament we find the Greek generic word OINOS used widely, as YAYIN is used in the Old Testament. Examples in the Septuagint where YAYIN is translated OINOS, referring to fermented wine: Prov. 23:31 - "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red . . ." Prov. 20:1 - "Wine is a mocker . . ." When Jesus said, "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles . . ." the Greek word is OINOS, and evidently refers to unfermented juice.

Some have taken the position that since preservation of grape juice was not possible in the early days, all wine mentioned in the Bible must have been fermented. But there is evidence to show that fermentation was prevented at times. Resin was used as a preservative e.g. pissitis oinos (wine with tar or pitch in it) Plutarch 2:676. We are told by Bertha Rachel Palmer that ancient writers (Cato, Herodotus, Josephus, Pliny, Plutarch, Xenophon) cite at least five processes by which fruits were preserved and fruit juices were kept unfermented: cold, heat, boiling, straining, chemical (sulphur), and they mention "wines that do not make the head heavy."

Confronted with uncertainty resulting from a word study, one finds it necessary to interpret difficult passages in the light of the teaching of Scripture in general and the context of the passage. Matt. 11:19 - "The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." What

did He eat that made Him a "glutton"? What did He drink that made Him a "winebibber" (oinopotis)? It could have been food at a feast; it could have been fermented or unfermented wine, as far as the word used is concerned. It could have been an untrue accusation, based merely on His presence at a feast. One's decision rests on other facts, and truths revealed in Scripture.

What did Paul recommend that Timothy take? (I Tim. 5:23) As far as the word OINOS is concerned, it could have been fermented or unfermented wine. Was he recommending fermented wine as medicine? We do not know. What *did* Jesus miraculously make at the wedding feast? The word OINOS does not help us. One's conclusion must be based on other considerations, such as the character of Jesus, His knowledge of what was written in the book of Proverbs, His evaluation of Old Testament Scripture. What did the Psalmist mean in Ps. 104:15 - "And wine (YAYIN) that maketh glad the heart of man . . ."? Is it unfermented wine, classed along with herb, food, oil, bread, the gifts God has provided in Nature? Or is it fermented wine which creates the artificial delight, so common through the ages? One's answer depends on how other Bible passages are interpreted. The word YAYIN does not help us. *Nor can drinkers use the verse to justify their practice.* Romans 14:21 - "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak". OINON is the word used; whether it be fermented or unfermented, the point would be the same: We must refrain from taking even what is nourishing if that will help a weaker brother. We get no light from the word used, as to whether it is good or bad morally to drink wine.

The Hebrew word SHEKAR, Greek SIKERS, is translated "strong drink". Luke 1:15 - "For he (John) shall drink neither wine (OINOS) nor strong drink (SIKERA) . . ." A study of these words shows they could have referred to something sweet. *Funk and Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary, 1960*, for sugar, refers to French - sucre; Late Latin - succarum; Greek - sakchar; Arabic - sakkār; Persian - shaker. C. W. Ewing tells us that these are merely variants of the Hebrew word "shekar, shechar, shaykawr, or sukar." The Greek "sikera, sakchar, sakcharon derives from the Hebrew, he says.

If SHEKAR and SIKERA can refer to something sweet, both "wine and strong drink" (Luke 1:15) could be unfermented. The same might apply in Deut. 14:26 - "And thou shalt bestow that money (easier to carry than grain or oil) for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household." The Septuagint reads, ee epi oino ou epi sikera. Were the OINOS and the SIKERA both sweet? We do not know.

Turning to Greek verbs, we find METHUO and METHUSKO

deserving study. *Harpers Analytical Lexicon*: METHUO - to be intoxicated, be drunk. METHUSKO - to inebriate, make drunk. (John 2:10 "when men have well drunk" - third, plural aorist, subjunctive, passive of METHUSKO - drink freely) *Liddell and Scott*: METHUSKO - causal of METHUO - make drunk, intoxicate. In passive, drink freely (fits John 2:10) get drunk. *Arndt - Gingrich*: Concerning John 2:10 - after men have well drunk, or become drunk, (methusthosin, third plural, aorist, passive, drink freely - page 500. *Harper* the same - page 261. *Lees and Burns*, in "The Temperance Bible Commentary": METHUSTHOSI, 'drunk to the full' *Wicifl* . . . 'when men be dronke' *Tyndale*. "The governor did not refer to the inebriating effect, but to the large quantity consumed." They quote Stanley (Dean): "The use of this word in John 2:10 shows that it *need not* be always taken of intoxication, but this is its natural meaning in most passages." They quote Dr. Bloomfield: "Methuein, from methu (probably derived from the Northern med or meth) signified 'to moisten'; methusthai, 'to be moistened with liquor', and in a figurative sense, like the Latin madere vino, 'to be filled with wine'. In classical use it generally, but not always, implies intoxication; Note: Homer, for example, in *Iliad*, XVII, 390, says of the hides of oxen, methuousan aloiphee, were soaked in grease . . ." From a study of the verb used we cannot say whether the governor of the feast referred to men having drunk much or having become drunk.

There is sometimes disagreement regarding the use of "sko" verbs in the Greek. Some say these verbs are inceptive (denoting the beginning of an action). For example, *Young* gives the meaning of methusko as "to BEGIN to be softened". Applied to *Ephesians* 5:18, mee methuskesthe oino (Be not drunk with wine . . .) Do not begin to be softened; do not drink even moderately.

A different view is taken by some authorities; for example, *Funk* (translator of *Blass-Debrunner*): sko verbs do not denote the point of beginning, but of gradual becoming. *Luke* 12:45 supports this view: ". . . begin. . . to . . . drink and be drunken" (. . . begin to pinein kai methuskesthai) where Methusko (sko verb) indicates an advances state over pinein. *Robertson* (A.T.) *Grammar*: "Not all verbs in sko or isko class are inceptive." There are examples to show that such verbs may indicate a becoming rather than a starting. (Translating *Blass-Debrunner*:) Ingressive, (inceptive) aorist: *Acts* 15:12, esigisen, become silent: *2 Cor.* 8:9, eptocheusen, become poor. The inchoative presents in sko do not denote the beginning point, but duratively denote a gradual becoming - girasko, "am growing older and older". *Chamberlain Exegetical Grammar*, p. 15: sko verbs are usually inceptive, but sometimes causative-girasko, I grow old.

Though our study is quite limited, it is sufficient, we believe, to make clear that from the words translated "wine", and the use of

significant verbs, in Scripture, it is not possible to conclude that the use of fermented wine is forbidden in the Bible. Nor is it possible to conclude that Scripture sanctions its use.

CONSIDERATION II – THAT WITHOUT EXCEPTION, DRUNKENNESS IS CONDEMNED IN THE SCRIPTURES.

The following verses set forth the evil of drunkenness:

“Be not deceived: neither fornicators . . . nor drunkards . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God.” I Cor. 6:9, 10.

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit.” Ephesians 5:18.

“Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them.” Isa. 5:11.

It may be pointed out that these verses deal with the excessive use of wine - when a person is so affected that he staggers and his reason is impaired. But it appears that Christians today must deal with the question of what constitutes drunkenness or intoxication. Mr. Rex Downie, in a paper submitted to this committee for study, cites numerous Bible passages which indicate drunkenness. He states, “In terms of external, visible manifestations: reeling, stammering, babbling, vomiting and the like.” However, he does not cite Proverbs 31:4, 5, “It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes strong drink; Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.” From this passage it is evident that not all the effects of drunkenness are visible, for the judgment may be affected when the physical effects may not be evident. Scientific measurements indicate that a degree of intoxication exists when even a small amount of alcohol has been consumed. We believe that any limitation of physical or mental ability is what Scripture is talking about when it refers to drunkenness.

Scripture shows that drinking often accompanies, or precedes other forms of evil. For example, Lot had been drinking when he became involved in incest. (Gen. 19:33) We may also cite Proverbs 31:4, 5, “It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink; Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.” Another passage is Joel 3:3 where we read, “And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine that they may drink.”

CONSIDERATION III – THE NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE OF THE PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS WOULD SEEM TO

SET FORTH THE NECESSITY OF TOTAL ABSTINENCE ON THE PART OF THE BELIEVER.

In the Old Testament the priests were forbidden to use wine when exercising the priest's office. The restriction came after Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire. The context suggests that drinking had dulled their spiritual perception and thus had led to their sin. Hence a ban was placed upon the use of wine. (Lev. 10:9-11) The words "That ye may put difference between holy and unholy", indicates that wine must have affected their judgment which was needed in the exercise of their duties.

In the Old Testament God created Israel as his priest to the world - Ex. 19:5, 6 "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine; and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." Peter shows that this office is continued in the Christian Church by his quotation of this passage, I Peter 2:5, 9, and in his explanation that this involves the proclamation of the gospel. As the priests of the Old Testament were separated from among their brethren, in like manner all Christians are set apart to the service of God and are to be separate from the world.

It is the belief of this committee that there is a call to a greater holiness in the New Testament priesthood, which represents God to Israel. It is therefore important that the believer be filled with the spirit instead of giving way to sensual appetites. "Do not get drunk on wine, which brings incorrigibleness; but be filled with the spirit." Eph. 5:18 (Berkeley).

CONSIDERATION IV – THAT RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CHURCH IS CORPORATE.

In Acts 15 the apostles and elders directed by the Holy Spirit declare two significant things about the church:

1. The church is the body of people whom God, through the proclamation of the gospel, has drawn from all nations to Himself by faith in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit whom He has given to dwell in them. Doing the things the law requires does not make men the people of God. In fact, it never did. God gave the law to those whom He had redeemed to direct them as the people of God. To grant to these works of obedience the status of constitutive acts was to "tempt God", to disbelieve His redemptive work and rebel against His grace. (Cf. Acts 15:10 with Ex. 17:2, 7; Ps. 78:19-22, 41.) What men of God do is the result of a dynamic, living union with God in obedience to God's commandments.

2. The Church is a corporate body directed by the one Holy Spirit dwelling in Her. Faced with the possibility of division in the

church, the apostles and elders did not hesitate to "lay" a "burden" of "necessary things" upon the churches to preserve the essential unity of the body (vv. 19, 20, 28, 29). These "necessary things" place the emphasis, not upon the things required, but on the goal - loving deference to the brother, unity in a dynamic life flowing from redemption, i.e., from God who has redeemed. This is not a new kind of "legalism". Rather it is the spontaneous response of the corporate body, a covenant community, begotten by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:1-15:14 and I Corinthians 6:12-11:1 Paul appeals for the development of individual consciences sensitive to the needs of the brethren with a view to the glory of God. "Personal liberty" is *described primarily as a basis of restraint, rather than of freedom of action.* It is the mark not of individualism, but of vital union with God and loving concern for the brethren. Paul's argument is based throughout on the Covenant headship of Christ and the corporate nature of the church. The objectives of all action are (1) the glory of God, (2) the welfare of the brother, and (3) the salvation of all men (or deliverance, in the context of I Cor. 6:12-11:1, from enslavement to things).

Paul is appealing for the development of discerning individual consciences as the basis of right action rather than legal definition. The appeal to the individual comes by way of the body, so that he is strengthened, supported, encouraged by the body. Corporate action is not to be substituted for individual responsibility; neither is individual responsibility beyond the corporate conscience and responsibility.

In Ephesians 4:13 the "perfect man" "measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ" (NEB) is not the individual Christian, but the whole body, the church of Christ.

These passages all emphasize the hynamic nature of the church's life because of her vital union with the Covenant God. It is community action in covenant with God, directed by covenant revelation, the Scriptures, through the Holy Spirit. It is loving response to covenant grace, not legalistic observance of imposed standards. At the same time covenant revelation is often legal in form. But the issuance and observance of "decrees", as in Acts 15, is not the enslavement of the individual, but the deliverance of all men into the glorious liberty that is in Christ.

CONCLUSIONS:

In its original assignment, this committee was instructed to study the scriptural teaching concerning alcohol and tobacco. The Bible does not speak directly upon the subject of tobacco, but it does have considerable to say about living a temperate life. Since the social problems connected with alcohol are so much greater than those connected with tobacco, the committee has given its time almost entirely to the subject

of alcohol. However, it should be pointed out that we cannot minimize the harmful effects of tobacco. All medical reports point out the hazards of its use. In view of the present knowledge of the harmful effects of tobacco, we recommend that as a denomination, we discourage the use of tobacco by all members of the church, and that we retain in our standards for ministers and elders the provision that they be total abstainers from tobacco.

Another matter which was referred to this committee is a lengthy manuscript, written by Mr. Rex Downie, in which he takes up many scripture passages dealing with alcohol, and which he uses to try to show that total abstinence from alcohol should not be a standard for church membership. We recognize this as a diligent and sincere study in search of the truth. His paper was presented to the New York Presbytery and a committee was appointed by the presbytery to study the paper and give an answer to it. After the committee gave its answer, the paper of Mr. Downie, with answer given by the presbytery, was passed through Synod to our committee for further study. Our committee has not given Mr. Downie's paper a page-by-page study. However, we feel that this report constitutes an answer to it. The committee does concur with Mr. Downie, that on the basis of words used for wine and drinking, we cannot establish a case for total abstinence. It is the conclusion of this committee that a church, as the body of Christ, has the responsibility to agree or covenant concerning the personal and social life of its members, consistent with the sovereignty of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that we reaffirm Chapter 22, Section 6 of our Testimony, that we submit the following proof texts, and that this list of texts be sent down in overture: Prov. 23:31, 32; Eph. 5:18; Titus 2:12; I Peter 2:11, 12; Proverbs 20:1; Romans 14:1-15:6; I Cor. 6:12-20; I Cor. 10:31-33; Acts 15:28, 29; Acts 16:4, 5; Gen 4:9-11; Hab. 2:15, 16; Exodus 20:13.
2. That we retain Section 8 in our Queries for Ordination of Officers, which requires that they shall be total abstainers from tobacco and alcohol.
3. That from the pulpit, and through the education programs of the church, our members be continually warned of the hazards of using alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.
4. That Synod return Mr. Downie's paper, together with a copy of the report of this committee.
5. That we approve the answer given by New York Presbytery to the paper of Mr. Downie, since the conclusions of that presbytery are essentially those of a majority of this committee.

6. That this committee be dismissed as having fulfilled its duties.

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Edgar, Chairman
Joseph Caskey
E. Clark Copeland
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Geneva College Development Fund Campaign Committee

In 1964 a Synod Committee for the planning and developing of a Geneva College financial campaign within the Church was formed. At that time, the committee presented a Church goal of \$500,000 for the Geneva College Development Program. Synod approved this goal and we are reporting the results of a financial campaign which began at that time.

The following are the results of the participation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church congregations toward the Geneva College Development Campaign:

Total amount of the Church goal	\$500,000.00
Total amount pledged	157,376.01
Total amount received	67,658.25
Total number of churches in the Campaign	69
Total number of churches making pledges or gifts	44
Number of churches from whom we have heard (other than those making pledges or gifts)	19
Churches still pending	11
Churches declining at present time	7
Mission closed	1
Number of churches from whom we have heard nothing re: intention to give	6
	<u>6</u>
	<u>69</u>

It is imperative that the Church continue its financial support as well as its spiritual guidance to Geneva College. If Geneva is to continue to grow and prosper for its motto "Pro Christo et Patria" then the College must seek in an enthusiastic way the necessary financial resources.

The committee asks that all church members lend their support to the financial needs of Geneva College.

D. Raymond Park, Chairman
William K. Metcalfe, Co-Chairman

**Geneva College Development Fund
Campaign Progress Report**
May 10, 1968

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SECTION:

	<u>Portion Synod's Share</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>% of Synod's Share</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Illinois Presbytery	\$ 37,385.00	\$ 1,315.00	3.5	\$ 1,315.00
Iowa Presbytery	28,665.00	1,562.15	5.4	1,562.15
Midwest Presbytery	118,829.00	13,030.08	10.9	8,852.84
New York Presbytery	52,696.00	33,335.10	63.2	16,602.50
Ohio Presbytery	31,907.00	3,956.75	12.4	3,956.75
Pacific Coast Presbytery	53,540.00	2,117.39	3.0	1,339.39
Pittsburgh Presbytery	147,336.00	95,801.00	65.0	28,536.74
St. Lawrence Presbytery	<u>30,644.00</u>	<u>6,258.54</u>	<u>20.4</u>	<u>5,433.54</u>
TOTAL	\$501,002.00	\$157,376.01	31.4	\$67,658.25
Synod's Contribution		5,250.00		5,250.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$162,626.01		\$72,908.25
Original Challenge	\$500,000			

Foreign Missionaries

Salary Schedule—Foreign Missionaries

Basic Salary	Increment	Vacation Allowance
Married—\$4,000	\$50*	\$100 for each adult
Single —\$2,275	\$25*	\$ 10 for each child

*Begins at the end of 4 years of foreign service and continues through the 20th year—yearly increase.

Child Allowance

\$100 at birth	\$300 19-20 years
\$ 50 1-9 years	
\$150 10-14 years	
\$250 15-19 years	

Recommendations Of Synod

Board Of Pensions

1. That the Board of Pensions be given the discretion to pay an additional \$10.00 per month (to a total of \$90.00 per month) to retired married ministers and missionaries beginning January 1, 1969.
2. That Synod approve the policy agreed upon by the Board of Pensions and the Foreign Mission Board to bring the amount of retirement benefits for retired missionaries to the same standard as those under Ministerial Relief or the Widows and Orphans Department.

Board Of Foreign Missions

1. That Synod authorize an appeal for teachers and personal workers for Cyprus for a term of at least two full years on the field.
2. That Synod authorize an appeal for a minister to go out to Japan. Synod directed the Board of Foreign Missions to pursue with diligence this next year the possibility of reopening the ministry to Chinese people in Taiwan.

National Reform Association

1. That we encourage our people to share in social action; one example would be to write frequently to legislators and to other government servants expressing views promoted by a Christian concern for our society.
2. That the conversion of the individual citizens be sought not only in obedience to our Lord's command, and as a normal expression of love for our Savior, but also as a basis for social reformation.

Oath Committee

1. That the members of Synod and the Church uphold Donn H. Goss in prayer as he pleads our Case (the Marshall Smith Case) before the courts.
2. That the members of Synod and the Church pray for the Spirit of Christ, that we might find the most effective means to bring our beloved land to acknowledge the authority and law of Jesus Christ, and that our nation might repent and see the need of enacting only such laws, and pursuing only such policies as are in conformity to the law of God.

Committee to Study Ordination of Men Leaving the Ministry

That the activity of every ordained minister, not in the pastorate or serving as a stated supply, or under appointment of a church court or an institution of the denomination traditionally requiring the services of an ordained minister, or who is required by reason of ill-health or of age, shall come under *annual* review of the Presbytery of which he is a member, for approval of his continuing such activity or capacity.

Witness Committee

1. That Pastors preach on the subject of the Kingship of Christ at least once during the year.
2. That either the Sabbath before Memorial Day or the Sabbath before the Fourth of July be designated Christian Amendment Day, and that our ministers be urged to preach on our nation's duty of Christ and to use the bulletin covers furnished by the C. A. M.

Committee on Long-Range Planning

1. That Synod appoint a committee to bring recommendations for a plan of consolidation of the present Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, Evangelism, and Church Erection into a new Board of Evangelism and Missions, and that these recommendations be presented to the Synod of 1969.
2. That the Board of Christian Education study the philosophy of the church toward the place of Christian Day Schools and bring
3. That the Boards of Christian Education and Publication initiate steps of co-operative effort to be reported to the Synod of 1969.
4. That the Board of Publication be directed to study the merits of publishing the Covenanter Witness on a bi-weekly or monthly basis.
5. That Synod's Board of Trustees make an annual report of its Board meetings to the Synod beginning in 1969.
6. That the Witness Committee, the Oath Committee and the Temperance Committee work together to take steps to consolidate into a new Witness Committee by 1973.
7. That the above mentioned Boards and Committees and any others who desire to participate or to be represented in the discussion and planning chose one member to serve on a committee which will consider central denominational office facilities in Pittsburgh, Pa., and that this committee present a plan for such office facilities to the Synod of 1971.

Elders Conference

1. That Synod look into the feasibility of having a presbyterial and national organization of deacons as consultative members of the Co-ordinating Committee.
2. With concern for the spirit of reverence in our worship services, we recommend that one Sabbath each year be devoted to special emphasis on this subject.

Temperance Committee

A strong church-wide up-to-date resumption of resolution on the part of adults and youth for the Spirit-filled life free from the blight of

beverage alcohol, tobacco and the psychedelic drugs such as LSD, marijuana and heroin.

Board of Christian Education

1. That congregations be urged to participate in a Fall Offering for the Curriculum Fund to meet the balance of \$8000 still outstanding in our goal of \$30,000.
2. That February 1969 be designated as Bible Mastery Month and that First John be selected as the Book for study.
3. That the emphasis in our "Double-in-a-Decade" Program be "Spiritual Growth" and that congregations be encouraged to implement the 13 items found in the goals for achievement of the Double-in-a-Decade Program.
4. That Synod approve the preliminary arrangements for the next church-wide conference to be held at Carleton College, August 13-20, 1970.

Committee on Time and Place

That Synod adjourn to meet at Geneva College on Saturday, June 7, 1969 at 6:30 P.M. (Beaver Falls' time)

Committee on Ministers Salaries

1. That each presbytery take a more active role in overseeing the equity of pastors' salaries.
2. That each congregation be encouraged to assume the responsibility of paying all of the expenses incurred by the pastor in fulfilling his pastoral duties.
3. That each congregation be encouraged to assume more of the responsibility of paying fringe benefits.
4. That there be no salary differentials due to regions or number of dependents.
5. That the minimum salary for 1969 be set at \$5000. (plus a manse or a housing allowance); at \$5200. in 1970, and at \$5400. in 1971; and that an increment of \$400. per year be paid over and above the minimum.
6. That congregations endeavor to pay more than the minimum scale recognizing factors such as effective pastoral work, years of experience, and regional locations; and that congregations do not let the minimum scale become the maximum.

Finance Committee

That the sale price of the Minutes of Synod be raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Committee to Study the Centennial Celebration of the Covenant of 1871

1. That the Synod ask the 1970 Conference Administration to consider that a Centennial emphasis be included in the convention program.

2. That the Synod appoint a person or committee to prepare a Study Guide on the Covenant of 1871 for use by our congregations. This booklet should be prepared as a commemorative publication to be introduced at the 1970 Convention and distributed for use during the ensuing year.

Committee on Race Relations

1. That Synod re-affirm her decision supporting the 1964 Civil Rights bill.
2. That Synod alert her people to the unscriptural aspects of the Civil Rights movement such as Sabbath breaking, encouragement of law breaking, plundering of property, and possible support of subversive organizations.
3. That Synod alert her people to the unscriptural injustices on the basis of race prejudice which prevail in this country.

Committee on Travel Fund and Absences

1. That 1969 Synod allowances be:
 - a. Delegates driving alone, 5¢ per mile.
 - b. Delegates bringing other delegates, 4¢ per mile for self and 2¢ per mile for each other delegate.
 - c. Round trip bus or train fare for delegates using this mode.
 - d. Round trip air coach fare for any minister or elder delegate. Use excursion fares where applicable.
 - e. Highway and bridge tolls also.
2. That the congregational assessment remain at \$1.75 per member.
3. That since, with but few exceptions, the cost of driving was more than plane fare, that Synod therefore encourage air flights for future travel.

Co-ordinating Committee

1. That the contributed Budget for 1969 be set at \$165,000.
2. That any money received over and above the 1969 Budget be allocated to the Board of Foreign Missions, and that this Board be appointed by Synod to assist in the publicity work of the Stewardship Committee for 1969.

Committee on Signs of the Times

1. That our pastors and sessions keep their people informed as to areas of Christian cooperation which are desirable and proper; and also as to areas of cooperation that would vitiate our Christian testimony, and our witness as Bible-believing Christians.
2. That the days designated as Thanksgiving Day in the United States and Canada be observed with suitable religious services.
3. That one of the days of the week of prayer be set aside as a special day of repentance and confession of sins.
4. That pastors, on suitable occasions, present messages on national repentance, based on passages such as Jeremiah 18:7, 8.

Committee Dealing with the Relationship of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N.A. to the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in the light of the latter body's adoption of the Confession of 1967

1. That the Synod adopt this analysis of the Confession of 1967 and that the sections of this report entitled "Major Issues in the Confession of 1967" and "Subscription Vows" be published in the Covenanter Witness.
2. That we encourage ministers and laymen in our church to study this analysis and to disseminate it among friends from other denominations.
3. That Sessions be instructed not to invite ministers of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. for occasional ministry of the Word in their pulpits, except in extraordinary instances, and even then only those whose fidelity to the Reformed Faith is well known.
4. That sessions exercise care with regard to members of their congregation in the matter of marriage with a person of another denomination. That young people under their care be acquainted with the nature of defection from the truth, officially or unofficially endorsed by another denomination. That they seek to encourage young people to marry truly "in the Lord", and to marry such persons who would be willing, because of their loyalty to Christ, to leave any church or congregation where the truth of God's Word is not preached or taught.

Committee on Conscientious Objectors to War

1. That Synod make available a Form of Subscription for Conscientious Objectors similar to that provided in 1940.
2. That it be filed with the session of the Petitioner's congregation, with copies being filed with the Local Draft Board upon registration, and with the Clerk of Synod for reference to the proper government agency when necessary.

Committee to Investigate Insurance for Those Travelling on Church Business

1. That Synod approve the proposition that "insurance coverage for those travelling on church business" be provided subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The policy would be issued to the Board of Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.
 - b. When any eligible group (i. e. the Synod, a Presbytery, a C.Y.P.U. group, a Board, a committee, etc.) would be using the insurance it would specify the coverage needed for a specific meeting by a procedure to be provided.
 - c. Each group using the coverage would remit the cost of the use to the Church Treasurer.
 - d. The Church Treasurer would remit all premiums to the insurance company.

2. That Synod's Board of Trustees be authorized to consider (and to approve, if it so decides) a policy of travel accident insurance coverage for those travelling on church business; and that the Board be authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary to secure such a policy of insurance coverage.
3. That the responsible officers or chairmen of each group travelling on church business be authorized to provide this insurance coverage for the members of the group for all travel on church business.

Roster Of Foreign Missionaries

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The American Academy, Larnaca

Mr. Richard Ayres
Mr. Daniel Copeland
Mr. Thomas Edgar
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John H. Tweed	1969
Rev. D. Howard Elliott, D.D., Rev. M. L. McFarland, Rev. W. G. McMillan, Rev. Robert Milliken, Rev.	
B. C. Stewart	1970
J. D. Birdsall, Rev. D. W. Felker, Ph.D., Mrs. June McElroy, Rev. David Patterson, Samuel Wilkey	1971
Rev. Kenneth Smith, Director of Christian Education, 738 Rebecca Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221.	

Board of Church Erection

Members	Terms Expire
Vincent L. Rocereto, Rev. John H. Tweed, Clarence Wilson, D.D.S.	1969
Dale Curry, Rev. David Patterson	1970
Harold Faris, Rev. T. R. Hutcheson, Clyde A. Redpath, Merlin Wing	1971
Secretary, Clyde A. Redpath, 6901 78th St., Overland Park, Ks.	

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Members Chosen by Synod	Terms Expire
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John Russell	1970
Rev. E. Clark Copeland	1971
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J. Russell Lathom, Rev. John O. Edgar, D.D., Rev.	
Robert McFarland, John S. Riley	1969
Rev. C. E. Caskey, D.D., Rev. Roy Blackwood, Ph.D., Rev. H. A. Hays, D.D., Rev. John H. White	1970
Rev. James D. Carson, Joseph Lamont, Rev. K. G. Smith, John Wilson	1971

Members Chosen by Presbyteries

	Terms Expire
Rev. Raymond P. Joseph, Midwest	
Rev. M. W. Martin, Pittsburgh	
Rev. Bruce C. Stewart, Pacific Coast	1969
Rev. J. Paul McCracken, New York	
Rev. J. Paul Wilson, St. Lawrence	1970
Rev. G. M. Robb, D.D., Iowa	
Robert Templeton, Ohio-Illinois	1971
Chairman: Rev. James D. Carson, 123 Sycamore Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237	

Board of Evangelism

Members	Terms Expire
R. Gene List, D.D.S., Rev. Marion L. McFarland,	
Rev. Robert B. McCracken, Thomas Joseph	1969
Rev. Keith Copeland, Rev. Robert McMillan, Rev.	
Waldo Mitchel, D.D., Elwood Woods	1970
Rev. Roy Blackwood, Ph.D., Max Mann, Robert	
McFarland, Dean R. Smith	1971

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Members	Terms Expire
Niclaus Hagmann, Rev. E. R. Hemphill, Rev. R. A.	
Henning, Mrs. C. F. Millican, Rev. R. W. Nickerson,	
Rev. A. W. Smith, Jr., William Ramsey, Rev. J. P. Wilson	1969
Miss Sarah Archer, Edwin H. McBurney, Rev. Paul D.	
McCracken, D.D., Rev. J. Paul McCracken, George	
Jackson, Miss Elizabeth Henderson	1970
Rev. E. C. Copeland, D.D., Chester R. Fox, Rev. John	
McMillan, William K. Metcalfe, Sc.D., W. W. Weir, Ed. D.,	
LLD.	1971
Corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. A. Henning, 502 Second	
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Members	Terms Expire
John M. Allen, Karl Cunningham, Mrs. Fenton Farley,	
Rev. H. A. Hays, D.D., Rev. Robert B. McCracken, Harry	
Wilson, Rev. J. R. Wright, consultant	1969
Chester R. Fox, Rev. R. C. Fullerton, D.D., C. M. Lee, Ph.D.,	
LLD., Rev. M. W. Martin, Mrs. Charles McKissock	1970
Rev. J. O. Edgar, D.D., Rev. K. S. Edgar, D.D., Lou Hutmire,	
Rev. Glenn McFarland, John S. McIsaac, Ph.D., Rev.	
Donald Weilersbacher	1971

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1969

Hoyt Cummings, Rev. John O. Edgar, D.D.

1970

Lloyd M. Edgar, J. Ralph Wilson

1971

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1972

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1969

Fee, Rev. Donald Felker, Ph.D.

Rev. R. W. Caskey, D.D., Rev. Kenneth McBurney, Rev.

1970

M. L. McFarland, Rev. J. H. Tweed

1970

Wilbur Copeland, Rev. T. R. Hutcheson, A. D. Robb,

1971

R. Paul Wright, M.D.

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Rev. R. A. Henning, Rev. J. R. Patterson, D.D.

1970

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1971

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1972

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1973

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1974

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1969

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K. S. Edgar, D.D., Ethel Lytle, D.R. Park, L.H.D., J.

Merrill Robb, Rev. S. Bruce Willson, D.D.

1970

E. Ray Campbell, Rev. D. H. Elliott, D.D., Robert H.

Greenlee, Mrs. Willard E. Hemphill, William O. Martin,

M.D., Rev. Kenneth Smith, Rev. Donald Felker, Ph.D.

1971

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1969

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Rev. Norman M. Carson, Ph.D., Charles McBurney, John Schaefer	1971

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Clerk of Session, Merlin Wing, R.R. 1, Mayetta, Kansas 66509
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80631. Phone 303-352-1912 Installed 1968

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68978

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Mrs. Anna Brierly, Denver, Colorado

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Mrs. Lloyd Edgar, Sharon, Iowa

Mrs. James Pennington, Morning Sun, Iowa

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Mrs. James Pennington, San Diego
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Mrs. Effie McCrum, Santa Ana

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Mrs. Nellie Belles, First Beaver Falls
Helen Young, Geneva
Mrs. Elder Steele, New Alexandria
Miss Lottie Harris, Wilkinsburg

Synodical Memorial Members**Ohio-Illinois Presbyterial (2)**

Mrs. R. G. Young by her sister (Bloomington)
Helen L. Young by her aunt (Bloomington)

Synodical Life Memberships**New York Presbyterial (1)**

Miss Jane McCleary by Third Philadelphia W.M.S.

Presbyterial Memorial Memberships**Ohio-Illinois Presbyterial (5)**

Miss Eleanor Auld by Miss Edythe Allen
Mrs. Nancy Emily Piper by Irene Piper and Helen Woodrome
Mrs. Willard Thompson by Miss Eleanor Thompson
Mrs. Helen Henderson by Oakdale W.M.S.
Miss Eleanor Auld by Oakdale W.M.S.

Presbyterial Life Memberships**Kansas Presbyterial (1)**

Mrs. David Patterson by Mrs. S. Bruce Willson

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Miss Lillian Faris by brothers and sisters
Miss Winnifred Wilson by Lochiel W.M.S.
Miss Jane McCleary by Third Philadelphia W.M.S.

Ohio-Illinois Presbyterial (2)

Mrs. Pauline Madison by Mrs. Curtis Christmas
Mrs. Luella Harsh by Jane H. Carson

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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STATISTICS OF IOWA PRESBYTERY																		
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1967																		
APRIL 1, to March 31,																		
FINANCES																		
Present Balance																		
Total Expenditures										1106 1106								
Miscellaneous										1191								
Bible Society																		
National Reform																		
Special Cov. Appeals																		
Synod's Budget																		
Pastors' Salaries																		
Aid Received																		
Total Receipts																		
Previous Balance																		
Tithers																		
Parsonage																		
C. Y. P. U.																		
Sabbath School																		
1967																		
1966																		
Deacons or Trustees																		
Elders																		
Prof. by Cov. Children																		
INCREASE																		
DECREASE																		
Hopkinton	16	15	15		1	1	3	4										
Lake Ronco	58	55	43	12	3	3	2	3										
Marion	44	48	23	25	2	4	6	1										
Morning Sun	55	49	43	6	4	1	1	6										
Sharon	189	188	155	33	3	4	7	6										
Total Members	19 67		19 66															
Baptized Members Not Prof.																		
Communicant Members																		
Total Members																		
Ministerial Members										3								
On Presbytery's Roll																		
* Includes Ministers																		
TOTALS	377	367	291	76	2	3	4	4	13	7 12 3 1 23 13 19 18 270 262 56 4 14 3900 47100 5949 16314 3512 2042 17 154 23348 45387 5613								

		MEMBERSHIP		INCREASE		DECREASE		FINANCES	
Cochise Creek	54	53	33	20		1	1	2	1
Clarendon	97	95	84	11		1	1	5	6
Denison	113	110	89	21	2	1	3	1	4
Denver	54	50	46	4	1	1	4	1	4
Eadsdale	14	14	14						
Greely	126	117	86	29	4	3	2	9	6
Hot Springs	72	72	55	17					
Kansas City	19	18	13	5					
Olathe	114	108	71	37	1	1	4	3	7
Park City	26	29	17	12	2	1			
Quinter	123	119	88	31	2				
Stetler	135	126	103	23	3	3	5	5	2
Superior-Bethel	82	91	83	8	1	3	9	13	2
Tonoka	136	143	120	23	1	3	6	10	1
Winchester	135	134	108	26	1	1	3	1	6
Lawrence Mission									
Ministerial Members	21	23	23		3	3	1	1	
On Presbytery's Roll	3	3	3						
TOTALS	1366	1350	1074	276	8	9	1513	45	17
					24			5	63
					16			68	1125
					1072			185	131
					179637			1796388	179637
					10214			13362	585
								27342	696
								13362	68956
								176796	49730

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1967

STATISTICS OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY

MEMBERSHIP

	INCREASE	DECREASE
Prof. by Cov. Children		
Total Decrease		
Other Reasons		
Suspended		
Deaths		
To Other Denom.		
To Cov. Cong.		
Total Increase		
Restored		
From Other Denom.		
From Cov. Cong.		
By Prof. of Faith		
By Baptism		

Baptized Members Not Prof.

Communicant Members

Total Members

19 67

19 66

Broomall	83	80	67	13	1	2	3	6	7	36	44	Y	22	7660	21084	3211	6738	1711	63	78	7569	19370	9374									
Cambridge	89	82	58	24	2	1	3	9	1	10	2	3	2	71	72	10	Y	30	404	15144	6054	2002	435	50	5446	13987	1561					
Goldenthal	85	90	72	18	3	4	7	1	1	2	3	5	98	84	16	Y	1103	14750	4500	822	145				5960	11427	4426					
Montclair	53	51	38	13	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	3	19	28	Y	1775	8288	2310	976	529	50	2382	6247	3816								
Newburgh	47	41	32	9	1	3	5	3	2	4	2	11	3	4	8	26	27	Y	3305	11200	3650	1635	570	36	73	4612	10576	3929				
New York City	101	102	73	29	3	3	1	1	1	2	4	12	65	65	8	Y	6738	18226	5500	4000	1020	100	50	8541	19211	5753						
Third Philadelphia	78	80	65	35	1	7	1	9	2	2	3	7	5	4	59	60	4	Y	9474	23256	4685	2012	2226	101	42	15237	24303	8427				
White Lake	22	22	21	1									1	5	10	10	Y	9	2584	2922	460	500	1120	25	601	2706	2820					
Ministerial Members	10	7	7										1	1	1	1	3															
On Presbytery's Roll	12	12	12	12																												
TOTALS	580	567	445	122	8	17	3	28	13	9	8	7	5	41	5	29	46	384	390	38	8	61	83043	114870	30370	18685	7756	425	243	50348	107827	40036

MEMBERSHIP		INCREASE		DECREASE		FINANCES												Present Balance		Total Expenditures		Miscellaneous		Bible Society		National Reform		Special Cov. Appeals		Synod's Budget		Pastors' Salaries		Aid Received		Total Receipts		Previous Balance		Tithers		Personage		C. Y. P. U.		Sabbath School		1967		1966		Deacons or Trustees		Elders		Prof. by Cov. Children		Total Decrease		Other Reasons		Suspended		Deaths		To Other Denom.		To Cov. Cong.		Total Increase		Restored		From Other Denom.		From Cov. Cong.		By Prof. of Faith		By Baptism		Baptized Members Not Prof.		Communicant Members		Total Members		1967		1966																																																																																																																																																																																
Belle Center	34	39	35	4	1	4	5	2	2	33	47	14	Y	1180	9141	1521	2959	233	25	35	3629	8392	1929	Bethel	27	26	20	6	1	2	2	32	28	7	Y	1249	9964	1810	2830	2435	300	85	2639	10099	1114	Bloomington	*120	118	98	20	3	2	3	5	5	6	88	91	7	Y	3527	15722	6000	4660	798	100	50	4713	16321	2728	Chicago	73	73	49	24	1	1	1	4	3	34	38	5	Y	14	27	7564	4336	862	29	1507	6734	857	Hetherton	73	78	56	22	5	5	1	3	4	51	60	6	Y	1680	8736	5460	289	591	26	2751	9057	1359	Indianapolis	25	46	29	17	8	11	2	21	2	5	40	45	N	4143	27619	7000	177	1529	2425	20631	29337	2425	Lafayette	Oakdale	88	84	72	12	1	1	3	1	1	5	5	6	74	74	11	Y	31	3491	14237	4900	3893	1155	101	312	5553	15914	1914	Old Bethel	25	25	25	25					2	2	32	31	3	N	25	2965	5953	260	625	832	50	35	1506	5688	3230	Orlando	146	146	100	46	5	5	3	2	5	7	10	152	135	16	Y	15	2665	35451	4900	4930	1468	22379	33677	4439	Sefta	171	152	145	7	2	2	19	21	4	74	72	12	Y	6	1324	7022	2500	4547	1036	4344	9927	919	Southfield	74	75	55	20	1	1	6	6	55	55	0	Y	54	6647	18867	4900	3510	335	12	109	7112	15978	11536
* Last yr's minutes read 119 (10 + 18) but should have been 120 (101 + 19)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
Ministerial Members	11	13	13					2																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
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TOTALS	870	878	700	178	19	12	13	2	42	46	665	676	87	9	125	30898	159676	2500	47924	24735	10402	614	655	76764	161124	32150																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																

FINANCES

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1967

MEMBERSHIP

LIBRARY 1 - DECEMBER 31 1967

STATISTICS OF PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

MEMBERSHIP		FINANCES									
		INCREASE					DECREASE				
Present Balance		Total Expenditures									
Total Expenditures		Miscellaneous									
Miscellaneous		Bible Society									
Bible Society		National Reform									
National Reform		Special Cov. Appeals									
Special Cov. Appeals		Synod's Budget									
Synod's Budget		Pastors' Salaries									
Pastors' Salaries		Aid Received									
Aid Received		Total Receipts									
Total Receipts		Previous Balance									
Previous Balance		Tithers									
Tithers		Parsonage									
Parsonage		C. Y. P. U.									
C. Y. P. U.		Sabbath School					1967				
Sabbath School		1966					1966				
Deacons or Trustees		Deacons or Trustees									
Elders		Elders									
Prof. by Cov. Children		Prof. by Cov. Children									
Prof. by Cov. Children		Total Decrease									
Prof. by Cov. Children		Other Reasons									
Prof. by Cov. Children		Suspended									
Prof. by Cov. Children		Deaths									
Prof. by Cov. Children		To Other Denom.									
Prof. by Cov. Children		To Cov. Cong.									
Prof. by Cov. Children		Total Increase									
Prof. by Cov. Children		Restored									
Prof. by Cov. Children		From Other Denom.									
Prof. by Cov. Children		From Cov. Cong.									
Prof. by Cov. Children		By Prof. of Faith									
Prof. by Cov. Children		By Baptism									
Baptized Members Not Prof.		Baptized Members Not Prof.									
Communicant Members		Communicant Members									
Total Members		1967	Total Members								
Total Members		1966	Total Members								
Ministerial Members		26	Ministerial Members								
On Presbytery's Roll		4	On Presbytery's Roll								
C. Y. P. U.		11	C. Y. P. U.								
C. Y. P. U.		11	C. Y. P. U.								
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C. Y. P. U.		11	C. Y. P. U.								

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1967 APRIL 1,
STATISTICS OF ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1967 APRIL 1,
to March 31,

FINANCES		Present Balance													
		Total Expenditures													
Miscellaneous															
Bible Society															
National Reform															
Special Cov. Appeals															
Synod's Budget															
Pastors' Salaries															
Aid Received															
Total Receipts															
Previous Balance															
Tithers															
Parsonage															
C. Y. P. U.															
Sabbath School	19 67	3	4	2	48	51	*39	Y	43	1929	8659	3700	1584		
	19 66	1	2	1	21	20	6	Y	12	137	6676	2400	4400		
Deacons or Trustees															
Elders															
Prof. by Cov. Children															
INCREASE	DECREASE	Total Decrease													
		Other Reasons													
		Suspended													
		Deaths													
		To Other Denom.													
		To Cov. Cong.													
		Total Increase													
		Restored													
		From Other Denom.													
		From Cov. Cong.													
By Prof. of Faith															
By Baptism															
Baptized Members Not Prof.															
Communicant Members															
TOTAL MEMBERS	19 67	25	30	21	9	2	2	2	6	1	1	3	2		
	19 66	17	17	17	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Members															
Ministerial Members	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7		
	On Presbytery's Roll	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
TOTALS															
Ministerial Members															
On Presbytery's Roll															
+ Adjusted figure															
* Includes Adults															
† Canadian & Trinitarian Bible Societies															

MEMBERSHIP		FINANCES																													
		INCREASE					DECREASE																								
PROTESTANT										Present Balance																					
Iowa										Total Expenditures																					
Midwest										Miscellaneous																					
New York										Bible Society																					
Ohio-Illinois										National Reform																					
Pacific Coast										Special Cov. Appeals																					
Pittsburgh										Synod's Budget																					
St. Lawrence										Pastors' Salaries																					
C. Y. P. U.										Aid Received																					
Sabbath School										Total Receipts																					
Tithers										Previous Balance																					
Parsonage										Tithers																					
Prof. by Cov. Children										Parsonage																					
Total Decrease										C. Y. P. U.																					
Other Reasons										Sabbath School																					
Suspended										Tithers																					
Deaths										Parsonage																					
To Other Denom.										C. Y. P. U.																					
To Cov. Cong.										Sabbath School																					
Total Increase										Tithers																					
Restored										Parsonage																					
From Other Denom.										C. Y. P. U.																					
From Cov. Cong.										Sabbath School																					
By Prof. of Faith										Tithers																					
By Baptism										Parsonage																					
Baptized Members Not Prof.										C. Y. P. U.																					
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Japan Commission										Sabbath School																					
Ministerial Members										Tithers																					
On Presbytery's Rail										Parsonage																					
TOTALS										C. Y. P. U.																					
5641	5611	4458	1153	78	81	119	61	1	240	135	63	78	20	74	370	77	237	4493	3490	645	61	883	215123861805	129182	2310171	30776	575691	3148	2534	388273863644	215775

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16 Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Average Attendance	Thank Offerings	Funds of Synodical	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Seminary Missions	R.P. Home	Other Contributions
KANSAS PRESBYTERIAL										
Clarinda W.M.S.	15		12	263.80	29.50	75.00			25.00	5.00
Denison W.M.S.	21	4	12	297.43	37.40	50.60			10.00	10.00
Eskridge W.M.S.	4	3	3	190.00	10.00	15.00	35.00	100.00	7.00	
Hebron W.M.S.	18	2	16	103.00	19.60	40.00			20.00	20.00
Kansas City Guild	21	0	15	198.08	16.80	60.00			10.00	10.00
Kansas City W.M.S.	9	1	7	83.00	12.70	15.00	5.00		14.00	10.00
Kansas City Missionettes	8		8	23.58	10.00	15.00				5.00
Olathe Cov. Daughters	9		7	164.00	14.50	15.00	11.45	5.00	7.00	8.70
Park City	9	2	7	77.25	11.00	10.00				
Quinter W.M.S.	11		7	225.76	28.60	75.00	65.00		25.00	195.00
Quinter Eve. W.M.S.	9		6	241.00	2.70	65.00	40.00		25.00	25.00
Quinter Sylvia Soc.	8		7	54.50	8.50	5.00			5.00	10.00
Sterling	29	1	18	515.15	37.75	51.12			10.00	80.00
Superior-Beulah	13	3	10	150.00	14.00	30.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	35.00
Topeka W.M.S.	22	4	16	450.91	56.50	60.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	145.00
Winchester W.M.S.	20	0	13	676.45	23.50	32.60	16.10	9.50		61.50
TOTALS:	226	20	164	3713.91	333.05	616.32	242.55	234.50	728.00	760.70

15 Societies		NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAL						R.P.			Other Contributions	
Active Members	Honorary Members	Average Attendance	Thank Offerings	Funds of Synodical	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Seminary Missions					
Almonte W.M.S.	24	15	215.00	21.60	67.93	37.24	5.00	13.00	63.50			
Barnet W.M.S.	9	8	64.00	2.10								
Broomall W.M.S.	14	13	10	340.00	18.10	30.00	10.00	10.00	247.00			
Cambridge W.M.S.	18	7	14	273.00	57.50	55.00				19.00	186.68	
Coldenham W.M.S.	16	0	11	219.09	12.80	5.00				5.00	21.00	
Lisbon W.M.S.	8	8	112.15	10.40	24.00	12.69	8.00					
Lochiel W.M.S.	4	2	3	33.00	1.80	10.00					48.50	
Montclair W.M.S.	11	10	9	426.50	22.60	64.75	13.00	20.00	36.00		47.00	
Newburgh W.M.S.	15	2	13	152.50	34.95	130.50	25.00			43.00	10.00	
New York W.M.S.	11	7	246.25	23.60	54.00				20.00	188.00	65.00	
New York Guild	7	2	7	224.00	2.40			27.00				
Syracuse W.M.S.	18	0	12	410.00	16.20	48.00				8.00	60.00	
Third Phil. W.M.S.	11	11	10	656.25	56.00	200.00	100.00	10.00	91.00		295.00	
Walton W.M.S.	18	1	16	496.73	30.40	10.00				10.00	14.00	104.84
White Lake W.M.S.	9		6	50.00	12.00	20.00				5.00	14.00	
TOTALS:	203	48	149	3918.47	322.45	719.18	224.93	317.00	694.00		880.52	

12 Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Average Attendance	Thank Offerings	Funds of Syndical	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Seminary	R. P. Home	Other Contributions
OHIO ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAL										
Belle Center	12	1	7	438.50	23.60	40.00	30.00			10.00
Bethel W.M.S.	10	6	125.00	46.95	35.00	5.00	50.00	14.00	14.00	100.00
Bloomington Phoebe	20	13	114.15	28.50	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00	80.00	*
Bloomington W.M.S.	14	3	11	187.00	29.20	40.00	13.25	10.00	28.00	79.00
Chicago	13	2	8	184.82	13.90	30.00	10.00	10.00	16.00	118.00
Hetherton W.M.S.	13	6	10	100.00	22.50	5.00	10.00		10.47	
Oakdale W.M.S.	25			655.78	116.25	89.50	10.00	10.00		33.00
Old Bethel W.M.S.	11	6	90.00	8.30	10.00					18.35
Orlando Business Women's Miss.	17	12	191.51	16.00	35.00	10.00	10.00			
Orlando W.M.S.	10	4	6	227.00	28.60	65.00	18.00			119.55
Selma W.M.S.	17	8	15	123.30	8.05					
Southfield W.M.S.	18	5	10	277.75	15.10	30.00	19.00	10.00	35.00	74.84
TOTALS:	180	29	104	2714.81	356.95	409.50	135.25	120.00	276.47	589.74

8 Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Average Attendance	Thank Offerings	Funds of Synodical Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Seminary Missions	R.P. Home	Other Contributions
PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERIAL										
<u>Fresno W.M.S.</u>	19		10	161.26	19.00	20.00	10.00		5.00	175.87
<u>Los Angeles Cov. Daughters</u>	18	6	14	222.17	30.10	70.00			60.00	33.50
<u>Los Angeles Covenettes</u>	8	4	6	159.46	22.40	36.00		10.00	10.00	26.00
<u>First Phoenix W.M.S.</u>	17	1	13	560.00	5.10	35.00				
<u>Portland W.M.S.</u>	6		5	100.00					20.00	15.00
<u>San Diego Mary-Martha Society</u>	11	1	6	114.00	13.00	24.37			5.00	10.00
<u>Santa Ana King's Daughters</u>	17		12	567.00	44.20	90.00		25.00	42.00	342.00
<u>Seattle W.M.S.</u>	17		12	237.93					15.00	
TOTALS:	113	12	78	2121.82	134.10	275.37	10.00	35.00	142.00	617.37

15 Societies

	Active Members	Honorary Members	Average Attendance	Thank Offerings	Funds of Synodical	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Seminary	R. P.	Home	Other Contributions
PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERIAL											
Allegheny W.M.S.	24	7		333.23	19.00	90.00	20.00	10.00	39.00	50.00	
Beaver Area W.M.S.	9		7	46.00						15.00	
College Hill Highlanders	20		12	320.30	34.80	30.00	20.00		19.00	37.95	
College Hill Redpath	15	6	11	345.80	31.30	100.00	100.00		33.00		
Eastvale Ethyl Copeland	18		16	340.60	15.40	10.80				29.30	
First Beaver Falls	24	1	15	276.75	47.00	45.00	15.00		31.00	105.00	
Geneva Lillian McCracken	32	6	17	245.10	15.00	29.00	15.00	15.00	34.00	30.00	
Manchester W.M.S.	11	2	8	68.65	7.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	27.00	70.75	
New Alexandria Alva Jack	15	4	8	187.00	29.20	38.00		15.00			
New Alexandria W.M.S.	16	8	7	355.45	20.00	15.00	15.00		26.65	126.37	
North Hills Emma Elliott	15	2	12	509.96	32.50	100.00	52.15	25.00	19.00	45.00	
Rose Point Mary Jane	12	3	9	342.00	18.90	70.00	10.00	10.00	5.00		
Rose Point W.M.S.	10	3	8	210.00	18.90				13.00	39.17	
Union W.M.S.	12		8	151.00	18.60	10.00		10.00	7.00		
Wilkinsburg W.M.S.	22		18	274.05				248.85		113.78	
TOTALS:	255	42	156	4005.89	308.10	547.00	506.00	95.00	268.65	647.32	

STATISTICS OF LOCAL SOCIETIES

January 1, 1967 - December 31, 1967

	MEMBERSHIP			FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS			Home Missions	Seminary	R.P.	Other
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Average Attendance	Thank Offerings	Funds of Synodical	Foreign Missions				
COLORADO PRESBYTERIAL										
3 Societies										
Denver W.M.S.	12	2	8	75.00	4.20	65.00	70.00		22.00	30.00
Greeley Evening W.M.S.	9	1	9	136.00	14.40	20.00		10.00	10.00	
Greeley W.M.S.	12		11	373.00	40.70	20.00		7.00	25.00	
TOTALS:	33	3	28	584.00	59.30	105.00	70.00	10.00	39.00	55.00
IOWA PRESBYTERIAL										
4 Societies										
Lake Reno W.M.S.	8		8	66.88	13.90	30.00		10.00	10.00	15.85
Morning Sun W.M.S.	16	3	14	281.00	15.50	30.00		10.00	10.00	15.00
Marion W.M.S.	11	5	9	90.50	5.00	10.00			20.00	
Sharon W.M.S.	28	12	15	607.30	37.60	20.00		10.00	25.00	105.52
TOTALS:	63	20	46	1045.68	72.00	90.00	30.00	45.00	156.37	

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF SYNODICAL

PRESBYTERIAL	January 1, 1967			December 31, 1967			FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS			
	Active Members	Honorary Members	Average Attendance	Thank Offerings	Funds of Synodical	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Seminary	R.P. Home	Other Contributions
MEMBERSHIP										
Colorado	33	3	28	\$ 584.00	\$ 59.30	\$ 105.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 55.00
Iowa	63	20	46	1045.68	72.00	90.00		30.00	45.00	156.37
Kansas	226	20	164	3713.91	333.05	614.32	242.55	236.50	178.00	760.70
New York	203	48	149	3918.47	322.45	719.18	224.93	317.00	694.00	880.52
Ohio-Illinois	180	29	104	2714.81	356.95	409.50	135.25	120.00	276.47	589.74
Pacific Coast	113	12	78	2121.82	134.10	275.37	10.00	35.00	142.00	617.37
Pittsburgh	255	42	156	4005.89	308.10	547.00	506.00	95.00	268.65	647.32
TOTALS	11073	174	725	18104.58	1585.95	2760.37	1188.73	841.50	1643.12	3707.02

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